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TEMPLEMAN WINS BY A PLURALITY OF ABOUT 700 VOTES

Minister of Inland Revenue Returned for the
City of Victoria by a Sweep-
ing Majority.

Mr. Beckwith Barely Saves His Deposit,
While Mr. Marcon Loses His--The
Result Celebrated.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Templeman	1553
Beckwith	857
Marcon	308

Majority for Templeman over
Beckwith, 696.

The political battle which has been
waged in Victoria for the past two
weeks was brought to a close yesterday
evening when the Liberal candidate
won very decisively. The opposition
made a desperate fight, but from the
beginning of hostilities it was evident
that the forces were not strong enough
to cope with an army which has swept
everything before it in Canada. The
last fort to be attacked was Victoria,
and this has been carried.

From the time the polling booth was
opened in the morning till its close at
5 p. m., there was a constant stream
of voters passing in and out of the old
Royal Cafe, where a competent staff
of returning officers and clerks kept
tally; but so complete were the ar-
rangements of Returning Officer Hicks
that there was no semblance of confu-
sion, and within three-quarters of an
hour after the last ballot had been
marked the returns were given to the
public, as follows:

Templeman (Liberal)	1553
Beckwith (Conservative)	857
Marcon (Socialist)	308

These returns, as those which were
placed as the count progressed, were
promptly bulletined from the Times
window, and an enthusiastic crowd gathered
in front of the office and bore
unmistakable evidence of the pleasure
which the ever-increasing score of the
winning candidate afforded.

Throughout the day hacks, private
trams, express wagons, automobiles
and vehicles of every conceivable style,
were busy bringing voters to and from
the poll, and active agents of the three
candidates were hustling around, dis-
seminating proceedings. The old advice,
"Vote early and often," was empha-
sized, and a special effort was made to
get a good start as soon as the booths
opened. In the first two hours about
100 votes had been recorded, and then
there was a lull until lunch hour, when
another 400 was piled up. The rest of
the day was devoted to gathering in
the stragglers and the indifferent, and
a busy time it was until by the time
the closing hour was reached and the
last strenuous effort was put forth,
2749 ballots had been marked. Of
these the official returns made to-day
are:

Templeman	1553
Beckwith	857
Marcon	308

Total, 2718
Spoiled ballots, 25; rejected ballots 8.

The result did not come as a sur-
prise to many, as it was generally con-
ceded that Hon. William Templeman
would head the poll by a large ma-
jority. His total vote would have been

considerably swelled were it not for
the fact that many good Liberals re-
frained from voting altogether, cogni-
zant of the fact that victory for their
man was a foregone conclusion. To
such an extent did this feeling pre-
vail that were it not for the fact that
many Conservatives voted for Mr.
Templeman, the figures would have been
appreciably reduced. The poll was not
as large as on previous occasions for
the reason given, but the verdict is
conceded to be a very decisive one. In
contrast with the tactics pursued by
the Conservative candidate and his
lieutenants since the campaign opened,
the proceedings yesterday proved a
welcome innovation, inasmuch as there
was no outward and visible sign of
that calumny and misrepresentation
which characterized the preceding
days. The general feeling appeared to
be that all that it was possible to say
for or against the candidates had been
said on the hustings, and that it was
now a matter of choosing between the
two men for the third candidate, the
Socialist, was never considered seri-
ously in the contest.

The people of Victoria demonstrated
by their vote yesterday that they will
not be influenced by calumny or the
raising of false issues. Throughout
the campaign Hon. Wm. Templeman
has been subjected to all sorts of per-
sonal attack at the hands of his over-
enterprising and venturesome oppo-
nents. Irrelevant issues were raised
and the ex-Senator held responsible for
the storms on the Pacific coast, the
vagaries of financiers, the opinions of
railway engineers, and every sin of
commission and omission attributable
to man. The wreck of the Valencia
and the absence of a light at that par-
ticular point on that particular occa-
sion was represented as a serious pol-
itical offense, and much capital was
made out of a statement attributed to
Mr. Templeman, and positively and
publicly denied by that gentleman, to
the effect that the people of British
Columbia could not hope for better terms
from the Federal government until
they were represented in the Provincial
House by a Liberal government. All
these false accusations made with the
object of injuring the candidacy of
the cabinet minister have been dis-
carded, and the people of Victoria by
their verdict have shown that they
consider the interests of their city and
province first, last, and all the time.

The vote yesterday is not considered
a large one, although thoroughly rep-
resentative of the feelings of the peo-
ple. There are some 4,000 voters on the
list and of these only 2,749 were cast.
At the election of 1903 there were 3,
015; in 1902, there were 3,075; in 1904,
the vote was 3,318, and all the time
the record shows a falling off. The reason
for this has already been explained.
Another point revealed by the returns
yesterday is that the Socialist party
is steadily on the decline in Victoria--
the vote is the smallest score of that
party. At the Provincial elections of
1904 the Socialists scored 697, their high
water-mark in this city. In 1904 they
scored 336, and this year notwithstanding
that a strong candidate was selected
the vote fell to 308.

As soon as the result of the poll was
made public, the Liberals gathered at
the committee rooms on Douglas street

and cheered their champion vociferous-
ly. The gentleman was naturally some-
what excited after his hard-fought bat-
tle, and when he was called on for a
speech, ascended a chair and heartily
thanked his supporters, Liberal and
Conservative, for the victory won for
him. He explained, however, that he
was in the hands of his committee, and
that the committee had decided that
they should all meet again at eight
o'clock, when he hoped to have a few
words to say.

At the appointed hour, the committee
rooms were crowded, and hundreds
who could not gain admission congregated
in the vicinity of headquarters. A
number of hacks and other vehicles
were drawn up in front of the build-
ing, the broom brigade was organized,
the torches lighted, and the brass band
played. Enthusiasm now ran high,
and a number of husky fellows took
the horses from the carriage, which
was reserved for the hero of the occa-
sion, and attaching a rope to the drag,
pulled the carriage to a place in the
procession near the band, and with a

ringing cheer a start was made along
the route decided upon by these in-
charge of the arrangements. At this
time there were some six thousand
people joining in the demonstration, all
imbued with the same idea--that of
celebrating a great victory. The pro-
cession marched along Douglas street,
down Cormorant to Government, and
around again to the committee rooms.
In the carriage with Hon. Mr. Tem-
pleman were Ralph Smith, M. P., Jno.
Oliver, M. P. P., and H. E. A. Cour-
tenay, chairman of the election commit-
tee. The original intention was that
Mr. Templeman should address the
people from the Times building, but
when it was announced that Mr. Har-
rison's daughter was lying danger-
ously ill at the Driard hotel opposite, it
was decided to have the speaking take
place opposite the committee rooms.
On reaching this point the procession
halted, and as Mr. Templeman took his
stand in the carriage he was greeted
with rounds of applause and the sing-
ing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the
band playing the accompaniment.

The hon. gentleman, as soon as the
applause had subsided, thanked the
people of Victoria for the honor con-
ferred upon him by placing him at the
head of the poll, and assured them that
no effort would be spared on his part
to prove himself worthy of the confi-
dence reposed in him. (Applause.) He
did not intend making any definite
promises as to what he would ac-
complish, but one promise he
would assuredly make, and that
was that he would put forth every
effort to advance the inter-
ests of Victoria and the pro-
vince of British Columbia. (Applause.)
He did not know that there was much
to be said--the victory was decisively
theirs. The campaign was a brief one,
but it was hot while it lasted, and in
some respects, perhaps, unfair, as
many unfounded accusations had been
brought against him by his opponents.
However, all was now over, and no one
would dwell on the result. (Applause.)
He would go to Ottawa as a cabinet
minister and as representative of Vic-
toria, B. C., and he extended to all a



IN BECKWITH'S CORNER.

PREMIER WITTE WILL NOT RETIRE

DECIDES TO CONTINUE
AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

Manifesto Makes It Clear That Russia
Has Not Been Granted Written
Constitution.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 7.--Although
yesterday's manifesto and ukase refer-
ring to the national assembly leaves
considerable vagueness regarding the
exact status of the parliament under
the new political scheme of the gov-
ernment, the vagueness perhaps being
intentional and intended for future de-
finition according to the developments
of events, it is made clear that Russia
has not been granted a written consti-
tution. The cabinet, as in the German
system, remains quite independent of
the majority in parliament.
The hope expressed after the man-
ifesto of October 26th that the cabinet
would be responsible to the national
assembly after the British system, has
not been realized. Even interpreta-
tions of the ministers are restricted to
alleged violations of the law and the
apparent causes of events. The gov-
ernment believes it will control the
new parliament and propose to meet
further concessions to the radical

evident by the fact that Premier
Witte has definitely changed his plans
and will not retire on the opening of
the national assembly. He had fre-
quently declared that his task would
be confined to tidying over the govern-
ment till the representatives of the
people were installed. But having ac-
complished this task, the revolutionary
storm having somewhat abated and
conditions being altered, he has decid-
ed to continue as the head of the gov-
ernment. His decision is expected to
aid in the negotiations of the new
foreign loan, which the treasury stands
in urgent need of.

Another subject removed from the
consideration of parliament is the ex-
propriation of private lands, the com-
pensation for which is a question which
vital affects the interests of the rich
landed proprietors and the court, and
which might even be interpreted to af-
fect crown lands which parliament
might desire to appropriate for the
benefit of the police.

TRAIN DERAILED.

Engineer and Fireman Injured--The
Former Not Expected to Recover.

(Associated Press.)
Binghamton, N. Y., March 7.--West-
bound Erie train, No. 7, travelling at
the rate of 20 miles an hour, composed
of eight coaches and carrying a train
load of emigrants bound for the west,
was derailed at the Erie tower above
the court street drawbridge near Gris-
wold street this morning, and the en-
gine, mail, baggage and express cars
plunged over the embankment to the
street.
Samuel Mason, the engineer, was
pinned beneath the wreck of the en-
gine, and is at the city hospital so
badly injured that his death is expect-
ed at any time. Leslie Jackson, the
fireman, was also injured, but hope is

FORGER'S CONFESSION.

Prisoner Admits Having Made Plate
From Which Pay Cheques
Were Printed.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., March 7.--The principal
in the recent \$18,000 forgery of Illinois
Steel Company pay cheques, in South
Chicago, has been discovered. Accord-
ing to his own confession Louis Longpre
is the man. He was arrested yester-
day in the office of the Western
Bank Note Company, where he has
been employed as an engraver.
Longpre confessed that he made the
plate from which the cheques were
printed, and that he assisted in cash-
ing them among the South Chicago
merchants. Marie Longpre's wife, was
arrested on Monday, and was identifi-
ed by several merchants as having cash-
ed some of the pay cheques.
There are several others under
arrest, but the police refuse to tell
their identity.
Longpre, in previous years, had been
arrested on suspicion of being con-
cerned in other big forgeries, one in
Joliet, which is said to have netted
\$10,000, and others in cities of the east.
He always escaped conviction, how-
ever. Police officials from various
cities have been notified, and will send
representatives here to try to identify
some of the gang.
KILLED ON CROSSING.
Man and Woman Run Down By a
Passenger Train.
Corning, N. Y., March 7.--John West-
brook, aged 24 years, of Troy, Pa., and
Miss Rose Matlack, of this city, were
instantly killed by a train at the
crossing at the Erie railroad here late
last night. The two were driving

WOMEN FOUGHT DUEL WITH PISTOLS

TROUBLE GREW OUT
OF A LOVE AFFAIR

Duellists Were Uninjured But Man Was
Struck by Stray Bullet and
Instantly Killed.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., March 7.--A dispatch to
the Tribune from Middlesboro, Ky.,
says:
"In a pistol duel yesterday between
Mrs. Alice Moore and Mrs. Lucy Tuck-
er as the result of a long time quarrel,
Frank Maden was killed by a bullet
from the revolver of Mrs. Tucker."
The women met in front of a sal-
oon, and after exchanging a few
words, both drew weapons. Mrs.
Tucker was the first to open fire. At
the third shot Mrs. Moore turned and
ran down the street unharmed, though
her clothing was twice pierced.
"It was this last shot which struck
Maden, who was near the saloon door
engaged in a game of pool. The bullet
hit him squarely in the forehead, caus-
ing instant death. The trouble between
the two women is said to have grown
out of a love affair."
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Commander Learmonth has been
Appointed to succeed Captain
Perry.

According to special correspondence to the Times from London, Commander Frederick C. Learmonth, a well-known officer of the survey service of the royal navy, has been appointed to succeed Commander John Franklin Perry in the command of the survey ship "Egeria" at Esquimaux, on commissioning for another spell of service in British Columbian waters.

The new skipper of the "Egeria" donned the navy blue in January, 1879. He got his lieutenantcy in 1887, and reached his present rank in June, 1900. He has been largely employed in survey service in all parts of the world, his last post being in command of the survey ship "Goldfish," which had been specially fitted for survey service in the Mediterranean and on the West African coasts.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

ESTIMATES ARE PUT THROUGH COMMITTEE

Debate Closed Before Six O'clock and Items Passed Before Adjournment at Night.

Victoria, March 6th, 1906.

The estimates went through the committee of the House to-day. Shortly before six o'clock the debate on the budget closed. The government side refused to be drawn into any discussion on the question of a risk of a defence of the legislation which they had fathered during their tenure of office.

For the opposition J. R. Brown, J. Murphy, J. N. Evans and W. C. Wells delivered splendid speeches, condemning the government's policy. Mr. Brown showed how the government had allowed the C. P. R. and also F. August Heineze to escape taxation. Had the government been ready to do its duty in this respect the excessive taxation would never have been required. He showed that the C. P. R. had not lived up to the terms of the act under which they acquired the lands in dealing with those seeking free pre-emption on them. The speech of Mr. Brown revealed a most startling condition of affairs requiring the most careful investigation.

Mr. Wells exposed the weakness of the government's claim that a surplus had been gained by them by wise administration. Mr. Wells showed that in setting a surplus there had been an exploitation of various sources of revenue.

The speeches of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Evans were more of a local character, affecting their own constituencies more particularly. Mr. Evans, however, gave attention to the question of superannuation and again demanded that the premier should keep his promise to give a civil service act.

Prayers by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

Questions and Answers.

Mr. Brown asked the minister of finance the following questions:
1. Has the government taken any steps to ascertain whether or not the Columbia and Western Railway Company has transferred to F. August Heineze the half interest in the land granted for the construction of a section one of the Columbia and Western Railway to the said company?
2. If so, what steps?
3. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. Tatlow replied as follows:
"No information has reached the government that such a transfer has taken place."

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Answered by No. 1.

Mr. Evans asked the minister of education the following questions:
1. Is it the intention of the government to deed to the several municipalities the school lands and buildings within each municipality?
2. If not, why not?

The Hon. Mr. Fulton replied as follows:
"1. Yes. See also section 112 of the Public Schools Act, 1905, as amended by section 59 of Bill 44 now before the House."
2. Answered by reply to No. 1."

The Budget Debate.

J. R. Brown, on resuming the debate on the budget said that there was an absence in the speech of the minister of finance of self laudation which so permeated the speech put in the hands of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and the speeches of some of the members on the Conservative side.

The government had imposed taxation to the extent of about 70 per cent. and had reduced the appropriations to public works by about 40 per cent. The statement of the minister stood very clearly before the province stood in financial matters. It was not the whole duty of a minister of finance to keep the books. It was his duty to do something towards developing the potentialities which the province possessed.

The present government had given the impression before the election and in the first year of power that railways were to be built everywhere in the province. But this has not been done.

The government has introduced a most iniquitous school policy. It had been promised that the measure would save the province about \$100,000. The results had shown that it only effected a saving to the finances of the province of about \$12,500 for the half year, or \$25,000 for the whole year. At most it would appear that \$40,000 could be saved.

The Columbia and Western Railway. Mr. Brown showed that had been promoted by F. August Heineze. According to the arrangement entered into when the Columbia and Western was sold to the C. P. R. it was agreed that half of the land for section one was to go to Mr. Heineze. The records submitted at the

time of the Columbia and Western investigation showed that Heineze had got half the land between Roseland and Robson. It appeared absolutely sure that the land was transferred. The land conveyed to the company for section one was about 550,000 acres. If this half interest were conveyed to Heineze then he was subject during the last three years this government held power to taxation on 270,000 acres of land. There was no record that the government had collected any taxes on these. This was well known in the interior and the boards of trade had even taken it up without effect.

The lands granted to the C. P. R. Southern Railway were to be disposed of to pre-emptors on the same conditions as it was on crown lands. Mr. Brown then went into the conditions which prevailed by which crown lands were granted to pre-emptors. In spite of the agreement entered into in connection with the granting of the land to the railway company the land laws were not followed and the company refused the right to pre-emptors to take up land. The land laws required a pre-emptor to make declaration that the lands which he sought did not contain more than 5,000 feet of timber on a acre, as otherwise the land was timber land. But the railway company in this instance required from the pre-emptor, although the land was not timber land under this rule, that he should pay to the company rates upon all the timber cut upon the land. The coal and petroleum also was to revert to the railway company upon compensation according to the deed granted the pre-emptor by the company. The contract was drawn up in fact at utter variance to the land laws so as to protect the company and he thought the company had rendered itself liable to taxation. The company had allocated about 342,943 acres, 280,000 of this was taxable and 60,000 had gone to the Dominion government. There remained about 2,300,000 acres of land to the C. P. R. which should be taxable. It was fair to place this land at a valuation of \$1 an acre, although the taxes on taxation in force, \$300,000 of taxes should be derived in addition to that due by Heineze for the lands he held.

The present government has not carried out its pledges given before election. One of the planks of the Con-

servative platform was to set aside coal reserves. Now a thing had been done along this line. The government was also pledged to control of telephones. Yet nothing had been done except by Price Ellison in that direction and it would be interesting to watch the support Mr. Ellison got from the government side.

The government had been derelict in collecting the taxes from the C. P. R. and thus affording an excellent increase in the revenue.

J. N. Evans.

J. N. Evans did not think the prosperity of the province was due to the way in which the government had administered affairs. The School Act, even after the rough edges had been rubbed off in the House was ineffective. Yet in view of this an amending act was necessary and it was difficult to be thought, even by this to get the act in shape. In spite of this the minister of finance showed that only \$1,000,000 was saved in half a year.

The government had promised a civil service bill. Yet nothing had been brought down. The civil servants in some cases had been increased, but the school teachers' salaries were reduced as a consequence of this school act. It was unfair the way the school teachers had been discriminated against by this government. The government could have provided that the salaries of teachers were to remain as they were. If the government wished to reduce the expenditure for salaries why not begin with the salaries of ministers or better still the agent-general. He pointed out that while some deputy-minister received \$200 the deputy minister of agriculture got only \$125. He took exception to the discrepancy in the salaries of some of the employees, some receiving large salaries and others not a living rate.

The government had talked a great deal about repudiation in connection with the Columbia and Western. Yet in his part of the province there was a case of more repudiation in which the main trunk road which had been kept up for years was dropped off from aid. Mr. Evans took exception to the chief engineer of the works department who had prepared estimates for schools which were altogether too high. He

called attention to the fact that this engineer had called for tenders for a bridge across a river at a time when the water was the highest. He further took exception to the waste which resulted from the way in which the work on roads was carried out.

He pointed out that in connection with the superannuation there was no fixed rule. There were men who received small superannuation allowances which were not in keeping with the rate paid Mr. Gore and some of the later superannuates.

He took exception to the treatment dealt out to S. B. Netherby, who had given up his position in the city schools of Victoria to take the position of inspector. The government had cut off his head as inspector, retaining Junior men.

There should, he thought, be a settled system of superannuation. When the time came he would put the members of the House on record on this question.

From the agent-general in London he did not believe the province was getting returns. Although Mr. Turner was an old friend of his he did not believe that he was entitled to the remuneration he received. In addition to a large salary the province paid his cab fare and his income tax.

The government had now brought down its railway legislation in favor of the C. P. R.—this Columbia and Western bill. The Dewdney Disincorporation act was the worst act ever introduced into the legislature. It was an act which put a premium upon municipalities refusing to pay their taxes. Why should other parts of the province pay the taxes which the people of Dewdney did not pay?

Mr. Evans took exception to the treatment dealt out in connection with his amendment to the Municipalities Act, by which he sought to allow for the levying of a rate for the protection of property.

J. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy said that with reference to superannuation he found that the man who got the lowest allowance as usual lived in Cariboo. He could not complement the minister of finance for what was described as a lucid statement of the finances. Cariboo and Cassiar were not prospering. Since this government came into power over

the Member for Okanagan, the Man who has put up a strenuous fight for the Midway and Vernon Road.

100 men had left Cariboo to make a living. The government promised to secure titles to placer mines and that their leases should be reduced. These were not carried out. In the matter of beaver Cariboo was the one district where the beaver was not to be protected. It was held that this was to aid the Indians. He had, however, heard that the real cause of this was to aid the Hudson's Bay Company. The latter was a more reasonable one than the philanthropic one.

His district contributed \$1,000 more than it got. He pointed out that on the 150 Mile Horseshy road there was a reduced expenditure. Heavy machinery was going in over this road, and why should a road, on which thousands had been expended, be neglected this way.

Cariboo had no railway and little prospect of one from this government. At the next election a railway for Cariboo would play an important part, as it was needed. If the government turned down any fair proposition for a railroad for Cariboo few voters would be received in its favor from the district.

Stuart Henderson.

Stuart Henderson said that there was a wonderful sameness about the public accounts from year to year. Successful finance ministers of governments all seemed to fall under the control of the clerks of the office. He was sorry to see that the present finance minister had become nothing but chief clerk in his office and had not initiated any change.

He thought that if the finance minister would lend his assistance to the founding of a bank for the province it would be a benefit. He was informed that \$12,000,000 from the province went to the Northwest for investments. Seattle stood still until a bank was established. If a bank were established in the province it would tend to induce investments here.

What had this government done for railway construction? At the first session a policy was promised. Yet nothing came. Last session a railway policy was promised. None was introduced. During recess members of the government crossed the continent to the

promising a railway policy. Last year the government had proposed to bring in a bill to give the same railway company as was getting aid this year the sum of \$1,000,000 for a line of railway which was now being built without aid. This grant was only prevented by some members on the other side refusing to allow it.

"The bill was not introduced," said W. J. Brown.

"For the good reason that if it had the government would have gone down," replied Mr. Henderson.

The minister of finance asked for proof of this statement.

Mr. Henderson said that if a committee were appointed he would soon prove it.

Mr. Henderson then took up the question of Mr. Heineze being allowed to hold lands without any taxes being collected. He was informed that there were on the lands \$1,000,000 worth of timber. There was the 3,200,000 acres of land held by the C. P. R. which if taxed would have given to the government the money which would have rendered unnecessary the School Act and the excessive taxation imposed by this government.

The minister of finance when in opposition had made a strong plea in favor of collecting taxes from the E. & N. But there was nothing said about the C. P. R. being taxed.

Mr. Henderson took up the question of the loan floated by the government for which tenders were not asked. It was handed over to the committee the government selected.

If there had been the proper taxation of these railways all this excessive taxation would have been found unnecessary.

W. Manson.

W. Manson denied that this government had legislated in favor of the large corporations. It was an easy matter to criticize taxation. The government, however, had done a necessary work and faced this question. The taxation of railway companies had been increased from \$15 to \$50.

The School Act was right in principle. It was only right that the rural school districts should bear a part in the support of the schools.

The speech of Mr. Oliver had reminded him of the speech delivered in the House in connection with the election campaign. He was surprised to hear the opposition give so much attention to the railway question in view of the policy pursued by the Liberal party at Ottawa in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. It might be well to postpone anything in the way of railway legislation in British Columbia until work was begun on that line, which had been as positively promised by the Liberal party.

W. C. Wells.

W. C. Wells said that the Conservative party in the House supported by the member for Nanaimo were never prepared to debate questions of importance to the country. The minister of finance never failed to take shelter behind former administrations to hold up the standard he took. He took exception to the remarks of the minister that \$500,000 of a legacy of debts had been handed down by the previous government to this administration. It was said that figures did not lie, but from his observation figures were the biggest liars on earth, and it all depended on how they were handled and who handled them.

The present government after assuming power had brought down supplementary estimates amounting in all to \$25,000.

Mr. Wells went into the items which the government of which he was a member could be held responsible for and showed that on a liberal allowance \$50,000 was chargeable to that government. The remainder of the supplementary estimates, \$25,000, could be charged to the present government. There was \$25,594,424 additional expenditure. Deducting the supplementary estimates for which the present government was responsible the late government would have had \$2,324,848 of an expenditure.

Taking up the revenues for the year ending June, 1904, Mr. Wells showed that the year previous \$390,000 was collected for taxation, including real, personal, and income. It was fair to think that this would have been increased by perhaps \$50,000 the following year. The present government under its new act collected \$447,748. Taking the amount of the year previous as that which would have been collected under the old act there was \$400,000 for which the present government was not responsible. This left \$47,748 due to the present government under the head of taxes collected.

The net revenue for the year ending June, 1904, was \$2,719,440. The increase which was to be credited to the present government was as stated \$247,748. The revenue which could have been reasonably expected to have come to the old government would have been, therefore, this amount less making \$2,471,692. The late government, as before shown, would have had \$2,324,848 of an expenditure, which would have given a surplus of \$146,844.

But the late government had provided for the expenditure of \$470,743 on the new Westminster bridge. He did not propose to charge up against this additional expenditures the present government had made on this work and which were not called for. Deducting the surplus of \$146,844 from this sum the late government would have had a deficit of \$323,919.

The present government had found it necessary to float a loan of \$1,000,000 to meet a deficit which the late government would have kept to \$224,000. The loan was floated under conditions the most disastrous to the province of any ever floated in the Dominion. The government defended this on the ground that President Walker of the Bank of Commerce said that this was the only way open. Mr. Walker had taken a very dismal view.

Up to June last the minister was able to show \$288,000 of a surplus. Of this \$225,000 was due to the Chinese Immigration Act received from the Dominion government. There was a surplus, therefore, of about \$63,000.

The government to get that surplus had shown the following items: A surplus of \$100,000 from the previous government, \$400,000 of additional taxation, \$1,000,000 loan, and \$400,000 from the Chinese Immigration Act, making a total of \$2,000,000.

Mr. Wells said that when he took office he had given special attention to the Chinese Immigration Act. He

assumed office any one could cut after driving in a stake under a timber license to the extent of 1,000 acres. He had made provision that the licensees should be confined to 640 acres surveyed in a rectangular form on the payment of \$100. Licensees were also promised for to extend over two square miles. The present government had come in and extended the areas of the lands to be taken up under this system to such an extent that it really passed out of control and lent itself to all kinds of speculation.

He referred to an instance in which the present government had lost \$50,000 for 20 square miles of timber licenses. The area for which this was sold had been sought for \$50,000 three months later. The loss to the province was due to the lack of competition being afforded and the passing of the control of the timber lands out of the hands of the government.

Mr. Wells said that if the system of special licenses were done away with and the timber resources put in his hands to be disposed of, he would obtain \$100,000,000 for it.

He knew what the minister of finance would say about this criticism. He would say "what are you going to do about it." (Laughter.) The time was coming when the Liberal party would have an opportunity to show what they were going to do with it.

The demand of the people of the Northwest for the timber of the province had been responsible for the increased prosperity of the timber industry. The prosperity was due to the immigration policy of the Dominion government. Since the Liberal party had come into power at Ottawa the country had gone forward by leaps and bounds. The coming into power of the Liberal party in the province would be attended by the same results.

W. R. Ross.

W. R. Ross referring to the Fernie election said he was satisfied, and assured the House there was nothing wrong.

The associated boards of trade in the upper country had at one time been respected by him. He was sorry that this body had gone out of its way to indulge in party politics. The School Act had been taken up at the last meeting of that body. It was not surprising that the associated board of trade should take objection to the present government of the province. ("Hear, hear," from the opposition.)

Mr. Ross said that the president of that associated board of trade was a bad agent of the Dominion government. Smith Curtis also took an active part in its deliberations. Mr. Curtis had aspired to be leader of the opposition.

On the bill for an eight-hour day in smelters the leader of the opposition was something of a fakir. He had retired from the House last year, when the vote was taken on the excuse that he was the solicitor of the Granby smelter. This year the leader of the opposition had not taken advantage of this.

He said that he was glad to see that a university bill had been introduced. He had two years ago introduced a resolution along that line, and was glad that the House had come to his way of thinking.

Minister's Reply.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow did not wish it inferred that he had misrepresented the situation as might be conveyed by Mr. Wells' speech. He repeated the figures he had referred to, and held that they were correct.

Mr. Wells said that he did not say that the minister of finance had misled the House intentionally.

Hon. F. J. Fulton.

Hon. F. J. Fulton said that he wished to correct some statements of the member for Delta. That gentleman had

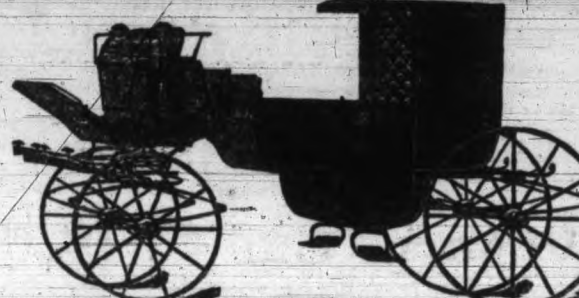
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Hon. Mr. Fulton took up the question of Mr. Oliver with respect to the latter's statement that one mill on the dollar on the real personal and income taxation would more than meet the increased demand for school purposes. This, the minister said, was correct, but he pointed out that there was a difficulty to be met with later when other increases were wanted. He argued that while the school expenditure had increased, the taxation had not advanced at the same rate. The increase he advocated therefore would never have met the needs for schools.

In Committee.

The motion to go into committee of supply carried, and with C. W. D. Clifford in the chair, the estimates were gone into.

On the item of \$5,500 for assessors for the province, S. Henderson asked for an explanation.

The minister of finance said it was the intention to carry out the present scheme begun. The whole province could be divided into districts, and from time to time these assessors would meet as a board of equalization.

On the item for Seta Lake hatchery, Mr. Oliver took exception. He said that he was informed that there would be a small number of fry proportionally. He took exception to the commissioner, who was an alien and who has done much to injure the industry as far as his district was concerned. This commissioner had done all he could to aid the American industry at the expense of the Canadian.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that Mr. Babcock had come here under contract with a former government. He did not wish to change his nationality. Hon. Mr. Tatlow would be sympathetic with him in this, and did not think that Mr. Babcock should be asked to do so. J. N. Evans called attention to the fact that there had been an agitation against alien engineers in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. Why should aliens be employed by this government?

Premier McBride said that the late minister, Hon. R. Prefontaine, had sought to take Mr. Babcock over by the Dominion government. Mr. Babcock's work had been excellent. His views had been borne out by the adoption of Mr. Babcock's plans at the Dominion hatcheries. The danger to the Fraser river fisheries was due to the

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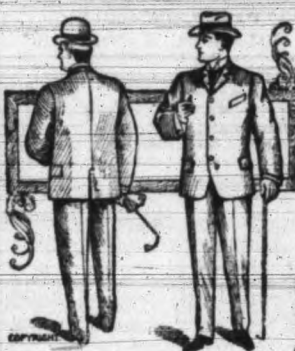
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Dr. Alfred Thompson, member of the Dominion House from the Yukon district visited Seattle en route to Ottawa on Monday, to confer with the Chamber of Commerce of that city and others with regard to the holding of the Alaska-Yukon exposition.

All men are cordially invited to the meetings being held at the Seamen's Institute daily at 12.30 p. m., under the auspices of St. Andrew's Brotherhood. The speaker to-day was Rev. E. G. Miller, and to-morrow the meeting will be conducted by Rev. C. E. Cooper.

Triumph Lodge, No. 16, I. O. G. T., is responsible for a unique and thriving club called the "Triumph Butterfly Club." This club was an immediate success and has already a large and enthusiastic membership. It will meet on the 14th Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt. On Saturday at 8 p. m. the members are required to attend a special meeting to elect officers, discuss further rules of conduct and to arrange a programme.

William A. Cox, chief engineer of the steamer Whatcom, died at Seattle on Sunday, after a brief illness. Mr. Cox was an old resident of Seattle, having lived there more than twenty years. For about twelve years he was an engineer in the employ of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company. He was chief engineer of the ill-fated steamer Chatham at the time she foundered, but had laid off that trip. Mr. Cox was stricken with appendicitis, and was removed to the hospital Saturday.

At the recent annual convention of the Western Canada Press Association held in Winnipeg it was decided to arrange an excursion to British Columbia sometime during the coming summer. The touring party will take in points of interest on the coast and return by way of Edmonton. The question of the inauguration of a Canadian association press news service came up for discussion and was favorably commented upon. Other matters of some importance were debated before the adjournment.

George D. Collins, of whom a few Victorians doubtless have heard, has not yet selected his new cut from the San Quentin fashion sheet. According to a dispatch from San Francisco he appeared before the Supreme court in the Bay City yesterday with a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The ground urged by him was that he had not been tried on the charge on which he was extradited, and that the second indictment on which he was convicted covers the same material points as that on which he was taken to the States. As there was not a majority of the judges present yesterday the petition was not acted upon.

The newly appointed managers of the Victoria Lacrosse club have already commenced operations for the ensuing season. As will be remembered their plan of procedure included the appointment of a coach at a substantial salary, who would be required to devote his whole time to the training of local intermediate and junior players. It is understood that they have opened negotiations with a suitable man and that the work will commence as early as possible. That has been definitely decided, but an inter-city series will be formed between Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster and the contest for the provincial championship should prove equally as interesting as the first league competition.

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—R. M. S. Empress of Japan left Hongkong for Victoria at noon to-day.

—Don't forget the production of "All the Comforts of Home" by local talent at Victoria theatre, the 12th and 13th nights of March.

—This afternoon a meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association is being held at the rooms, Broad street. A number of matters of considerable importance are coming up for consideration.

—In Chambers this morning before the Chief Justice an application was heard to appoint a receiver and amend writ in the case of the Sandford Manufacturing Co. vs. Davis, et al. An order was made accordingly. W. Stein being appointed, leave being granted to amend writ. The question of costs was reserved. The Dominion Copper Co. were granted leave to alter memorandum of association, after due notice has been given.

—Interviewed at Vancouver, Dr. Fagan, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, said:—"We will certainly have our sanitarium established and in full running order this summer. The necessity for providing a home in a suitable climate up-country where consumptives can enjoy pure air and sunshine is obvious. A beginning will be made, even if only in a small way. In fact, I am willing to get it in running order even if we have nothing but a few tents as a shelter place at the outset. The location of the sanitarium has not yet been decided on. It will soon be dealt with by the executive committee of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Association, which will also appoint a committee of management. Three or four different places have claims well worth investigation."

A ROYAL FISHERMAN.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will spend a couple of days fishing at Cowichan.

Word has reached Victoria that Prince Arthur of Connaught may be expected here on the evening of Tuesday, the 27th inst. The fame of the fishing grounds of this district has reached His Royal Highness, and in response to his request arrangements are being made by which the Prince will enjoy a couple of days with the rod in the streams at Cowichan. Local Manager Christie, of the C. P. R., telegraph service, will have charge of the distinguished party, who will leave by special train for Duncan on the morning of the 25th, and from thence journey to the chosen fishing grounds by automobile.

MR. MACGOWAN'S SPEECH.

His Remarks in Moving Amendment to C. & W. Bill.

In the report of Mr. MacGowan's remarks in moving his amendment to the C. & W. bill now before the House in favor of the guaranteeing of fair freight rates that member's remarks were slightly misquoted. He says:—"What I intended to convey was that whilst the distance between Winnipeg and Nelson was 1,100 miles, and that between Vancouver and Nelson 562 the freight rate charged for the greater distance was 25 per cent. less than that charged for the lesser."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 7, 5 a. m.—With the exception of light snow at Barkerville and showers at Tatooch, no precipitation is reported this morning on the North Pacific slope, and a vast area of high barometric pressure occupies the entire region and is central in Utah. Fair weather prevails at all points and temperatures are higher west of the ranges. In the Northwest provinces the pressure is decreasing and the weather is fair and only moderately cold.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Light winds, generally fair and mild.
Lower Mainland—Light winds, chiefly easterly, cloudy and mild.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles E. weather, cloudy.
Nanaimo—Temperature, mild; wind, calm; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 34; minimum, 31; wind, calm; snow, 32; weather, snow.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 56; minimum, 54; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Shipping

In reply to inquiries made at the

Seattle office Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Company, local agents of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, have been advised that it is the intention to place the Cottage City on the northern run connecting with Victoria. The City of Seattle will be placed on the run connecting with Vancouver, while the Humboldt will be operated direct from Seattle. The Cottage City will resume her Victoria service in April. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's Alaskan tourist business has been arranged on about the same schedule as was in vogue last year. The steamer Spokane will again be in that service this year, and will make in all five trips. She will call at Victoria en route north, arriving here at four in the afternoon, proceeding north at nine.

SALVING THE ELDER.

Though submerged for nearly 18 months beer and flour are being moved from the hold of the steamer George W. Elder, which lies on the rocks at the mouth of the Willamette river, in apparently as good condition as the day they were placed aboard the vessel for shipment to San Francisco. A crust about an inch thick formed on the inside of the flour sacks. Through this the water did not seep and so the flour kept dry. The flour has just been milled. A sack of it will be taken to Portland and placed on exhibition.

J. H. Peterson, owner of the Elder, is now in Portland, and reports that Captain Baker, the contractor, is making rapid progress in his work of getting the vessel in shape for raising. All of his efforts at present are directed toward getting the freight removed.

Captain Baker has purchased in Portland 400 tons of cement. When all of the freight has been taken out he intends to wrap heavy canvas round the bottom of the vessel's hull. When this has been done the cement will be lowered through pipes for plastering up the holes made when the craft went on the rocks. Then the water will be pumped out, and it is thought the Elder will lift herself from the rock on which she now rests. Even with the small amount of freight already taken out, it is said that she has begun to raise slightly.

THE MARIECHEN WRECK.

Beyond the word that the steamer Salvor has commenced operations in an effort to float the German steamer Mariechen ashore in False Bay, no news has been received from the north as to what is being done on the stranded vessel. Yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that the contract for the raising of the wrecked German steamer Mariechen, which went ashore in False Bay, Alaska, has been let to the B. C. Salvage Company, of Victoria. Capt. Rudolph Held, master of the vessel, stated yesterday that under the terms of the contract the company must raise the steamer and bring her to the wharves at Esquimalt. If this is successfully accomplished the company will receive \$37,500. If they fail to raise the steamer they receive no pay. Capt. Held also stated that he, in company with Chief Officer Charles Pruet, would leave for the wreck with in the next two weeks in order to superintend the raising of the vessel. The German consul is now investigating the wreck of the steamer. In company with Capt. Held he will go to Port Townsend either to-day or to-morrow to take the testimony of the Chinese crew, who are now in the detention house. The men will be sent back to China on his way to London. One second class passenger and four from the steerage departed at this point. Among the steerage passengers were a couple of Russians, who prefer taking chances in alien lands to returning to their native soil. They were unable to speak English so Times readers must abide in blissful ignorance of their sentiments.

KANAGAWA'S ARRIVAL.

After a very pleasant voyage the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner, Capt. John W. Hale, reached the outer wharf this morning. She carried a very light complement of passengers, comprising four first-class, thirteen second class and forty-six in the steerage. Of the first class travellers Capt. C. A. Yate, who represented the British war office with the Japanese army before Port Arthur, is bound for London; Lieut. K. Yama Guchi and Mr. Yawaki are en route to Boston and P. Smith is on his way to London. One second class passenger and four from the steerage departed at this point. Among the steerage passengers were a couple of Russians, who prefer taking chances in alien lands to returning to their native soil. They were unable to speak English so Times readers must abide in blissful ignorance of their sentiments.

VESSELS OVERDUE.

Two vessels, loaded with coal, are making long passages from Newcastle, Australia, and their failure to put in an appearance is causing some anxiety.

In the insurance world," says the San Francisco Call of March 3rd. "The British ship Drummuir, sister ship to the Drummuir, hope for which has been practically abandoned, is now out eighty-nine days from the Australian port. With any other kind of cargo there would be no occasion for the underwriters to worry, but as coal after a certain length of time in the hold of a ship has a habit of developing spontaneous combustion, the Drummuir is quoted for reinsurance at 10 per cent."

FLOUR FOR JAPAN.

Included in the cargo of the Athenian, which sailed for the Orient on Monday, was a big shipment of Canadian flour sent by the Dominion government to relieve some of the thousands of starving people of Northern Japan, who are in such dire need. Over 12,000 bags were shipped on the Athenian, and the remainder of the flour for the relief of other famine-stricken Japanese will be shipped to the Far East on the next Oriental liner leaving port.

THE CAMOSUN.

The Union Steamship Co.'s steamer Camosun, which has been laid up during the winter months, will enter commission next week. She will be again placed in service from Vancouver on the Northern British Columbia route, and will sail on her initial trip of the season on March 12th.

Sporting News

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

WIN FOR COLLEGIATES.
Yesterday afternoon the Collegiate and Victoria West school football teams met in a Rugby match. It resulted in a win for the former by a score of 10 points to 5. It was one of the school championship series, and by their victory the Collegiate gain two points. Messrs. Edmonstone and Woods did the scoring for the winners.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Canfrat intermediates are looking forward to their forthcoming match with Ladysmith. Having defeated the Y. M. C. A. they are entitled to enter the contest for the Vancouver Island championship. Providing they demonstrate their superiority in this series a match will be arranged with the Mainland intermediate champions for the British Columbia pennant.

HOCKEY.

MATCH ON SATURDAY.

A senior hockey match will be played between the Victoria and Terminal City players on Saturday afternoon at Oast Bay. This will be the second time these teams have tried conclusions, the first contest having resulted in a win for the Mainlanders by a narrow margin. The local team have since been training faithfully and may be depended upon to make a determined effort to turn the tables upon their opponents. A first-class exhibition, therefore, is assured.

EN ROUTE TO VICTORIA.

Schooner Beatrice Corkum Puts Into Rio Grand del Sul With 128 Skins.

Capt. Peppett, owner of the schooner Beatrice, of the local sealing fleet, also of the Beatrice Corkum, en route to Victoria from the Atlantic coast, has received advice from Capt. Robbids, master of the latter, reporting his arrival at Rio Grand del Sul with 128 skins. Capt. Robbids reports that the Beatrice Corkum broke her boom, but the damage is slight, and the schooner should by this time have resumed her voyage to this port. Capt. Peppett directed the schooner to hunt on different grounds in the Southern Atlantic, but so far as can be learned the instructions were not followed out. The schooner was also to have called at Rio Grand del Sul over a fortnight ago. After landing her skins she was to start for Victoria. This it was thought would bring her here in good time for the next season in Behring Sea.

Another schooner cruising in the Southern Atlantic which was to have arrived at Rio Grand del Sul some weeks ago was the E. B. Marvin, Capt. Baker. This vessel has not yet been reported, although some of the catches of the fleet have since landed in London.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Island's agricultural society, which was held last week in the Mahon Memorial hall, Ganges Harbor. The meeting opened with J. C. Mollet, the retiring president, taking the chair, after which S. Ritchie was nominated secretary. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and adopted. After some reports were submitted, the election of officers was proceeded with. For president, Messrs. G. Scott and H. W. Bullock were nominated, but both declined the honor. Finally P. Purvis was nominated for president. No other nomination being presented, he was declared elected. J. Horol was elected vice-president, S. Ritchie as secretary and A. Ward as treasurer.

Some discussion took place regarding the lowering of the membership fee from \$2 to \$1 a year. B. Lundy said he voted for the increase last year, but thought they could now do nothing better than abolish the \$2 membership fee. T. W. Mansell supported Mr. Lundy's contention. He moved that the fee be abandoned.

Mr. Ward, the treasurer, said the resolution had been passed expecting the grant from the provincial government. T. A. Harrison vigorously scored Mr. Ward. He said the association would lament the day they passed the regulation. Mr. Purvis then took the floor. He would not support the motion or oppose it. Mr. Purvis, Mr. Harrison and some others here exchanged hot words, so the chairman intervened with the object of pacifying them, but it was of no avail. Another meeting will be held on March 17th, when important business will come up.

Twenty-five Victoria, mostly old women, were trampled to death at Alhambra during the great religious fair known as Kumbh Mela, which has just been held at the junction of the Ganges and the Jumna rivers, near a Bombay district.

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A largely attended meeting was held at Royal Oak last night for the purpose of selecting two persons to act as councillors in the newly created municipality of Saanich. Four names were put in nomination—F. Borden, of Cedar Hill; M. Ferguson, of Strawberry Vale; A. G. Gale and T. Peckies. The two first named were chosen after a ballot. A very pronounced opinion was expressed at the meeting that party politics should not be introduced into the municipal elections, and an understanding to this effect was reached. There is to be another meeting at Royal Oak to-night, at which the vote for the municipality will be chosen, and the hope is expressed that the choice will be unanimous, thus saving the distinct expense of an election.

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traps on Vancouver Island, which the government at Ottawa had sanctioned. The premier added that there was at the present time in view an arrangement looking to the Dominion government taking over the province's interests without prejudice to the province.

Mr. Oliver corrected the premier by stating that trap fishing at Boundary Bay had been initiated by the late Conservative government.

The item passed in spite of Mr. Oliver's objection.

The committee rose and reported progress at 6 o'clock.

EVENING SITTING.

Upon resuming this evening the House continued the consideration in committee of the estimates.

On the vote of \$50,000 for a court house for Vancouver, Mr. Henderson said that he had no objection to Vancouver getting a court house. He would like to know if any arrangement had been made with the city council by which the city hall and the court house would be in one building. This had been done in Toronto, and a creditable building.

Hon. Mr. Taitow said this had never been thought of. It was hoped that there would be about \$200,000 or \$250,000 derived from the sale of the old site.

Mr. Murphy objected to the small vote of \$10,000 for Cariboo. Richmond got \$40,000. Cariboo paid about \$10,000 as much as Richmond, and had six times as much territory. There was 18 miles of eight road to be built. This could not be done. All that was got back from the government for Cariboo was in the way of roads. There was nothing got for school.

Hon. R. P. Green said that Cariboo got as good attention as other parts. "The people do not seem to think so," replied Mr. Murphy.

C. Munro, on the vote of \$4,000 for his district, said he was glad to see the increase and hoped the government would still further increase it. In last year's appropriation there was \$1 out of every \$1 spent expended on road superintendents.

In the absence of Dr. King, Mr. Brown said that he had been asked by the member for Cranbrook to express the hope that the appropriation of last year, which had not been expended, should be spent.

Mr. Brown, on an appropriation of \$25,000 for Greenwood, pointed out that Similkameen and Grand Forks, alongside his constituency, had been dealt with more leniently. Mr. Brown also expressed a hope that something should be done to put the grounds of the court house in repair.

P. Williams thought that under existing conditions Newcastle was not getting a proper appropriation. All the other districts had been increased except his. In Newcastle district there were numbers of people who could not get out of these places under the present condition of the roads. In one instance a man who bought a horse had to take it to pieces and take it in by sections. The vote was inadequate. He wished to know if there was any of increasing this.

Hon. Mr. Green said that if Newcastle was not dealt with properly he would see if something could not be done to provide further for it. He would go through Newcastle.

Mr. Murphy asked Hon. Mr. Green if he intended to go through Cariboo.

Hon. Mr. Green said he intended to do this.

On the vote of \$20,000 for Richmond, objection was raised.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the district was a large one and tributary to a large city. It was necessary to expend a large sum there.

Mr. Oliver suggested that this was necessary to put the election in proper humor for the coming election.

Mr. Murphy wanted to know if the government had under consideration a ferry across the Fraser river at Quenelle.

The chief commissioner said this was under consideration, the engineer deciding now upon what was the best kind of ferry to provide.

On the appropriation of \$1,250 for the Fruit Growers' Association, H. C. Tanner said that this did not appear to be a very "optimistic appropriation." He thought that great good could be done in the way of encouraging cultivation of fruit.

Hon. R. G. Taitow explained that \$200 additional was allowed for the Horticultural Society.

On the vote for superannuation, Mr.

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Discussed in First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

In his address on Marriage and Divorce last Sunday evening to a large congregation at First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Dr. Campbell said that the first idea of the relation of parent and child was that of property. When a man wanted a wife he offered as much as a purchase to the father of his daughter. Thus the wife became the property of her husband, and he could put her away at his pleasure, but she could not put her husband away. Divorce, however, works both ways to husband and wife, and implies that marriage is a union of one man and one woman by which they are "no longer twain, but one flesh," and being "one flesh," neither party can be united to another party, which precludes polygamy. At marriageable age the number of males and females in the world are about equal, which indicates that every man should have a wife, no more and no less. Although polygamy is contrary to the idea of marriage yet it early entered into the race, for Lemah had two wives, Esau three, and Jacob four. But polygamy, owing to its evil effects, gradually faded away without the help of legislation. When marriages are becoming fewer, and divorces are becoming more, the marriage tie, it is clear that the family life is decaying to the injury of church and state. The end for which the family was established was to maintain religion in the world. Destroy the family or break down the barriers by which its integrity is as yet preserved, and man will be brought to a point where ultimately destroy, society that could be done by any other possible means.

The looseness with which the marriage tie is regarded, and the ease with which separation of husband and wife can be secured in some quarters, gives a terrible blow to the family and the home. The church of Rome refuses to acknowledge divorce on any ground. Some other churches acknowledge divorce on the most trivial grounds. The Presbyterian church recognizes a violation of the seventh commandment as the only valid ground of divorce, a principle laid down by Jesus Christ in St. Matthew's 19th chapter and 19th verse, which he intended to stand as the law of the Christian church. The Presbyterian church recognizes separation of husband and wife for minor causes, which could not be followed by marriage, but not divorce, which may be followed by marriage. The church of Christ should follow the teaching of the Head and Master. Legislators cannot be expected to rise, in questions like this, higher than ministers of the gospel. While the church recognizes divorce granted on any other ground than that laid down by her founder, legislation cannot be expected to rise to a higher plane than the teaching of the church. It is wrong for the state to grant by law divorce on any other ground than that announced in the Holy Scriptures. What is morally wrong no law of man can make morally right. In conclusion Dr. Campbell referred to the alarming condition of the state of the American Republic. He said in Connecticut the ratio of divorce was 1 in 2; in Indiana it was 1 in 3; Michigan granted last year 2,500 divorces, and Indiana 5,000. Canada is drifting in the same direction, and the church of God should arise in her might and stem the rising tide and save the majesty of the marriage tie, the peace and happiness of the family, and comfort of our homes. Destroy the home and you destroy the church, society and the state, and man goes back to barbarism and heathenism.

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On the second reading of the Victoria Terminal Railway Bill the premier explained that it was designed to permit the avoidance of a bad piece of country and to permit the building of ten miles from Blaine to Oliver, Mrs. Oliver, leaving the present line and intersecting along the present line and suffer the Great Northern officials had given the necessary assurances on that point.

Mr. Oliver, while not opposing the second reading, said that the bill was to all intents and purposes a private one, private interests being affected by the proposed bill. The company proposed practically to abandon the B.C. Southern and build a new road in substitution thereof. Certain sawmills and other industries were located on the line had proposed to be abandoned, and they might suffer. He had sought to get into communication with these interests, and there ought to be provisions protecting the parties interested. He would look to the premier to fully protect these people.

The bill passed its second reading.

Lifeboat Association.

The provincial secretary moved the second reading of the bill incorporating the Lifeboat Association of British Columbia. It was incorporated on the lines of the S. P. C. A. The object of the association he felt sure would commend themselves to everyone in view of recent accidents on this coast. The second reading passed.

New Bill.

Mr. Brown moved to suspend the rules to introduce a liquor traffic registration bill. This was done and the bill read a first time.

The House then rose.

Notices of Motion.

By Mr. Houston on Thursday next—"A select committee of five, to be named by the House, be appointed to inquire into means by which the Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act passed its second reading."

Mr. Oliver to move, upon consideration of the report on the bill intituled "An act to amend the 'Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896,'" the following amendments:

That the bill be amended by striking out the words "in respect of said sections one and three," where they occur in the sixth and seventh lines of section 2, and to insert a new section as follows:

"Section 5 of chap. 8, statutes of 1896, is hereby amended by striking out the last four words of the section, and inserting the following words in lieu thereof, 'seventh day of April, 1906.'"

To add as a new section:

"This act shall not come into force until the security of fifty thousand dollars provided for by section 3 of chapter 8, statutes of 1896, has been paid into the provincial treasury as liquidated and ascertained damages, as provided by said section 3."

The 1,236 band performances in London county council parks and open spaces during the season of 1905 cost £11,225 2s.

Punishment by "hot water treatment" or "shower bath" has been adopted by some of the nations of the East.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES

The Pauline Hall Company To-Night—Queen's Theatre.

The Pauline Hall opera company will present the well known production "Dorcas" at the Victoria theatre this evening. This will not be the first appearance in Victoria of the popular prima donna and some of her company by any means, and in former years they have won warm encomiums. The aggregation will be the same as that which has been so successful in New York, and if the critical audiences of the Atlantic metropolis were pleased with the performances it goes without saying that the playing public of this city will be equally charmed. The roster of names contains some very favorably known in the world of comic opera. Josephine Knapp, Jeanie Weatherly, May Bouton, Ethel Comstock, Mamie Scott, Lanthie Willis, Jenty Hartlett, Geoffrey Stein, Charles Fulton, John E. Young, Lyman White, Robert Burton, E. Young, Hall and J. P. Donnelly are among the principals, and those who keep in touch with things theatrical will recognize in this most imposing galaxy many artists who have achieved stellar honors, notably Josephine Knapp and Geoffrey Stein.

"Wanted—A Wife." is one of the most laughable pieces ever written. Every line contains a laugh, and the situations are most ludicrous. There are many pleasing incidents introduced during the action of the play. As a special feature of this night and Saturday matinee and Sunday afternoon performance, the company will sing the beautiful Cockney ballad entitled "Didn't Seem to Know Just What to Say." Miss Florence Pringle will sing the latest New York success, "Billie."

"Wanted—A Wife" will be the bill for tonight and to-morrow night. For Friday night and Saturday matinee and Sunday afternoon performance, the company will sing "The Gambler's Wife," which will be presented by Miss Lanning Rowan and Harry Fahner are specially featured in this bill, as it is one of their greatest successes, and affords each of them splendid opportunities.

Madame Gaski.

In the highest and best acceptance of the terms, Madame Gaski, whose coming has aroused general interest in local musical circles, is an artist of a superior kind. Few singers of modern times surpassed her in swaying or holding vast audiences. Pungent, bright, and of a strong musical temperament, she possesses a voice of rare beauty and a nature, finely poetic and imaginative qualities which have combined to make her fame as a singer and an actress pronounced.

Katherine M. Root writes of the great soprano: "The development of Madame Gaski is one of the most interesting things in the history of New York opera. It should be of special interest to Americans, because Madame Gaski, who made her first young debut when she was a child, has since then remained here almost continuously, and her first appearance, and so in a sense seems to belong to America."

Madame Gaski will appear at the Victoria theatre on Saturday next.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company.

The eighth annual meeting of the shareholders was held at the head office of the company, 321 Cambie street, Vancouver, B. C., on Wednesday, the 29th day of February, 1906, at 2 o'clock, p. m. The president, Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, occupied the chair, and the secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke, acted as secretary of the meeting.

The following shareholders were present: W. H. Bone, H. J. Knott, J. B. McCallum and D. C. Reid, of Victoria; Rev. Prof. Sippell, S. F. Mark, H. A. Eastman, R. Buckland, of New Westminster; W. H. Malkin, A. F. Peaseley, Dr. D. H. Wilson, Geo. J. Telfer, W. T. Stein, H. W. Baker, J. B. Mathers, Geo. Ward, Geo. Martin, Rev. A. K. Hetherington, W. Allan, Thos. T. Langlois, R. H. Duke, and others.

The treasurer read the report of the directors and the financial statement for the year 1905:

The president said:

Before moving the adoption of the financial report for the year 1905, I desire to say that the big increase in the earnings of the company, as shown by the statement before you, speaks more eloquently than I can do as to the substantial and profitable character of the business of the company.

The profits for the year 1905 were \$153,758.58, being \$30,000 greater than the previous year. In this connection it is interesting to note that the earnings credited to shareholders were greater than the amount necessary to meet obligations on the instalment terminating stock of those shareholders who found it necessary to withdraw before maturity, leaving a profit on withdrawal of \$6,194.57.

This exceedingly satisfactory result has been obtained by our system of placing the full amount of monthly payment, except the first, in the loan fund, and crediting out earnings the amount necessary to mature the stock in the time estimated in certificates issued to shareholders.

The funds of the company are almost all invested in first mortgage loans, which are re-payable monthly. The repayments are always much greater than the amounts required to meet withdrawals on terminating stock. The balance is at once placed out on new loans.

Terminating stock, which is a class of stock having a cash surrender value after a term of years, usually three years from date of certificate, bears the same relation to the business of a company such as ours as death claims, endowments and cash surrender values do to life insurance companies, or the terminating debentures of old line loan companies. All well regulated companies of either class make provision in advance for payment of claims.

If all terminating stockholders and debenture holders who can withdraw were to put in the required notice of withdrawal at once, a few months' income on loans would pay their claims in full, as well as all deposits, and the permanent stockholders would have the benefit of the big profits which would result from stocks being withdrawn with interest at the rate of 4, 5 and 6 per cent. on shares which have for several years been earning 3, 4 and 5 per cent. per annum.

The real estate in statement consists entirely of improved property, the rents produced in the aggregate 6 per cent. profits on the amount outstanding against these properties. These houses are located in cities which have been affected by serious labor troubles, which I am pleased to say have all been amicably settled, and the present satisfactory pay rolls of large industries will soon make it possible to sell these properties to advantage.

The government inspector recently undertook to make a thorough investigation into the company's methods of operation and reported to the government that the British Columbia Permanent Loan and Savings Company was following sound methods, paying dividends and expenses from actual earnings, instead of following the old plan of taking part of each stock payment for expenses, which has proven so disastrous to the shareholders of the York County Loan Company of Ontario, and further that he found that the necessary profits have been credited to mature all instalment shares in the time estimated the actual book value being in excess of the withdrawal value and all permanent, paid up and prepaid stocks credited with full amount interest by the shareholders.

The general prosperity of Canada is evidenced by the fact that deposits in banks and the post office savings department now amount to \$600,000,000, and deposits in loan companies over \$20,000,000. When we note that losses sustained through deposits in loan companies since confederation are almost nil, and that loan companies confine their investments almost entirely to first mortgage loans on improved properties, it is somewhat remarkable that there is not a larger proportion of deposits placed in the care of loan companies, more especially as they usually pay 1-1/2 to 1 per cent. more than is allowed by the chartered banks.

The president of one of the biggest old line loan companies in the East recently stated that:

"The high character of the assets of his company could be estimated by the prompt manner in which payments of principal and interest were met. The statement showed interest due and accrued of \$124,747.66 on loans of \$3,715,488.46, equal to 3 1/2 per cent."

On this basis the exceptionally high character of the loans of the B. C. Permanent are shown by the fact that on loans of \$1,513,758.58 interest due and accrued amounts to only \$4,504.53, or less than one-third of one per cent.

Our best loaning field is in Manitoba and the new provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. It is conservatively estimated that these provinces produced 165,000,000 bushels of grain last year which would bring about \$75,000,000 of new money into Western Canada. A considerable portion of this money is finding its way into British Columbia and is having a very stimulating effect upon local industries and commerce.

The great resources of British Columbia, such as timber, fisheries and mining, have enjoyed a successful year, resulting in increased confidence on the part of eastern and foreign capitalists, who are investing more freely in the natural resources of the province, from which properly directed capital will reap a rich reward.

The great extension of railways in the northwest provinces is being supplemented by active railway building in the Pacific province, of which the most notable is the extension of the V. & E. from the Kootenays to the coast. The operations of this road will no doubt be of great advantage to the southwestern portion of the province.

The mineral wealth of British Columbia is far beyond all computation. Gold, silver, copper, lead, coal and many other minerals abound in every direction. The production for last year, which amounted in value to \$30,000,000, is not a title of the possible output of mines already located, to say nothing of the fact that by far the greater part of the province has never been prospected. The great coal areas already located have been pronounced sufficient to supply all possible needs for hundreds of years to come.

The knowledge which we now possess as to the great richness of the virgin soil and the immense acreage of the prairies of Northwestern Canada running for one thousand miles east from the Rocky Mountains, and from the 49th parallel north for hundreds of miles, is an assurance to every intelligent man that Canada will rapidly become one of the greatest food producing nations of the world. In fact it is freely admitted on high authority that our prairie country contains more high-class wheat land than can be found in any other country in the world.

A friend of mine who has travelled extensively in the north assures me that he has seen wheat successfully grown seven hundred miles north of Edmonton, while the growing of winter wheat in Southern Alberta has met with marked success both in quality and quantity.

This wheat in competition with winter wheat from all over the United States, carried off the gold medal at the Lewis & Clark Exposition, recently held at Portland, Oregon.

I also wish to call your attention to the remarkable growth of the City of Vancouver. It is conservatively estimated that the increase of population for last year amounted to seven thousand and that the total population is now almost fifty thousand.

Nine hundred new buildings were erected in the city last year, valued at \$2,617,000, and it is expected that the new buildings for this year will exceed last year's record. The assessed value of property increased from \$28,628,930 to \$37,559,165, an increase of \$8,930,235 in one year.

The erection of grain elevators in the city has commenced and the erection of flour mills is to follow at once.

Mr. F. W. Peters, assistant freight manager of the C. P. R. western lines, recently stated that four made from Alberta wheat was finding favor in the Orient; that all shipments would go through this port, and that when shipping arrangements become satisfactory, Alberta grain for the European market would also come this way.

The many large lumber and shingle mills which are in continuous operation testify to the success of the lumber business, while the considerable number of large brick warehouses, which are now being erected, testify

to the rapid and substantial growth of commerce at this port.

To their fleet of five ocean liners, with headquarters at Vancouver, the C. P. R. is adding another steamer, having a much greater carrying capacity than any now on the route between this port and the Orient. Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a new line of freight steamers running between Vancouver and New Zealand. These improvements, together with the establishment of several new industries, including a big meat-packing plant, which is about to be erected by the P. Burns Co., should insure for Vancouver a prosperous future.

While signs of prosperity abound on every hand, we are using the same caution in looking to the future as we would do in the midst of a depression, and the shareholders can rest assured that their investments in the company are amply secured against all contingencies.

Victoria, the city of many beautiful homes and public buildings, is showing signs of material progress and improvement and is rapidly becoming the star attraction for tourists. In my extensive travels through Canada and the United States, I have not found any city which could compare with Victoria's beautiful combination of landscape, bays, inlets and mountain views, to say nothing of its equable climate, which is superior to that of California. Victoria is certainly destined to become the greatest tourist centre of the North Pacific, and the erection of the new half-million dollar hotel by the C. P. R. shows that the far-seeing C. P. R. officials are fully aware of Victoria's advantages along this line.

During the past year the business of our company was established in the Province of New Brunswick, with headquarters at St. John, and already a number of the best people of the province have invested considerable sums of money in the shares and debentures of our company. We do not anticipate making any further extensions during the present year. I beg to move that the report of the Directors for the year 1905 be received and adopted.

The Vice-President, Dr. David H. Wilson, said:

Mr. Chairman and Stockholders:

This is the eighth occasion on which the pleasant duty of seconding the motion to adopt the Annual Report of this company has fallen upon me, and in doing so I desire to say that I do so with satisfaction and the full assurance that the motion will receive the same hearty and unanimous support which has been accorded it on each previous occasion.

The annual meetings of the B. C. Permanent stockholders in the past have been seasons of mutual felicitations, and from the report presented by your directors I feel that this occasion will be no wise an exception to the general rule.

In my remarks last year I had occasion to refer to the future prospects of the company. In doing so, I drew what might have been considered by many as a somewhat pessimistic picture of Canada's immediate future. The year intervening, I feel, has justified, and more than justified, my remarks, and the outlook for the years to come must be most gratifying to every Canadian. With thousands pouring in through every channel of ingress, the majority of whom are British or United States citizens, coming to assist in developing our incomparable natural resources, it is not to be wondered at that Canada is engaging the attention of the world and that the field for successful operation of a company founded and conducted on the lines laid down for the B. C. Permanent continues to open up in a manner hardly to be hoped for by the most sanguine amongst our stockholders.

In passing, I might express the hope, however, that those entrusted with the administration of Canada's affairs will enact such legislation as will insure to this country a high standard of citizenship. In short, let us protect us from the hordes of illiterate and otherwise objectionable immigration which is pouring in upon our neighbors to the South. It has been said by an eminent American writer that if you wish to find a Yankee in the American Union, you have to go to the southern or western States. I sincerely hope the day may never come when the language of the foreigner may be more frequently heard on the streets of our eastern cities than that of the native Canadian.

To come back to matters more immediately interesting to us, I can assure you that the directors have endeavored, as in previous years, to extend the operations of our company as vigorously as was consistent with conservative methods. As you have seen, our assets have steadily increased year by year, our obligations have been promptly and fully met, and to-day we occupy a position which need not be shown to have been excelled in this country by any similar undertaking.

We have followed on the lines laid down at the inception of this company, the basic principles of which were to credit all dividends on earnings and credit them before salaries were paid. At the end of the eighth year, your board is in the position of having so carefully administered its trust that we could the closest examination and investigation of the methods and business of the company by any or all of the government officials or private citizens. Our board are confident that the results will only tend to the satisfaction of the stockholders and the benefit of the company.

The B. C. Permanent has not speculated and does not propose to speculate. The large sums entrusted to our company are safely secured by first mortgages upon revenue-producing realty.

The same unanimity and enthusiasm in the interests of our stockholders continues to characterize the officers of the company from the management down to the lowest-salaried official.

We believe that the future policy of the company should be that of the past, that we should do our business in our own way and do it legitimately and fairly, without criticism or interference with the methods or manner of doing business by others. We believe the field for legitimate enterprise is large in Canada and that there is ample opportunity for all who wish to conduct and are able to conduct a legitimate business in an energetic, conservative and honorable manner.

I only wish, in addition to congratulate the stockholders of the continued growth of the B. C. Permanent, to express my confidence in the success following their well-directed efforts, and to assure you that the board has discharged the duties incident to the position to the best of its ability.

I have much pleasure in seconding the motion to adopt the report.

Mr. W. H. Malkin said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen: The report that you have before you today of the affairs of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company, is a report that any company might be proud of. Had any one prophesied eight years ago, in 1898, the year the B. C. Permanent first came into existence, that at the annual meeting in February, 1906, the same company would be able to call its shareholders together and present the statement which you now have in your hands, he would have been considered visionary and no one would have believed him. The report not only denotes great progress in volume of business and increase in assets, but in a marked degree shows a most satisfactory state of affairs, when you come to analyse it in detail.

You will find that the company has not only increased its assets and other parts of Canada have invested almost two hundred thousand dollars in permanent stock, a great deal of which was sold at a premium of over forty dollars per share. This stock is bearing 9 per cent. interest. I maintain that the demand for the permanent stock of the company, at such a premium, is the surest indication of the confidence and favor with which the investing public look on the company. As the manager states in his letter to the shareholders, the advance in the premium of the permanent stock to one hundred and forty-seven dollars per share puts the company in the third place among the loan companies of Canada, and this after only eight years of existence. I have heard of other companies in the same line of business mention the price of B. C. Permanent stock, using it as an incentive to purchase the stock of their own company, stating that they expected their own stock would advance to the price of the B. C. Permanent stock.

I would call your attention to the small amount of interest due and accrued, something less than five thousand dollars, which shows how well loans are being paid up. It is rather remarkable that although we have loaned about one and a half million dollars, there is only thirty-four thousand dollars' worth of real estate which we have had to acquire by foreclosure. This, I think you will admit, demonstrates the fact that the directors have been conservative in their selection of loans. I may say in this connection that the utmost harmony prevails in your board of directors; all loans passed have been passed unanimously. Your directors feel that you are to be congratulated in having a president and treasurer of the ability of Mr. Langlois and Mr. Telfer. They are both men who have the best of the energy is devoted to the welfare of the company. It is the greatest assistance to us, as directors, to feel that we have at the head of our board a man of Mr. Langlois' capacity and knowledge, and to his efforts largely must be attributed the success of the company. One of the most important attributes of the head of a commercial enterprise now-a-days is the capacity for choosing capable helpers. I think Mr. Langlois has demonstrated this capacity in a very marked degree, and he has been particularly happy in the selection of his agents. The company's agents have contributed in no small degree to the success of the company. One would suppose the selling of B. C. Permanent stock at one hundred and forty-seven dollars per share is as easy as selling groceries, to see the telegrams coming in from all over the country directly there is a small block of Permanent stock to offer, and the agents deserve the thanks of the shareholders for the splendid work they have done.

The last five years have been Canada's growing time, but the company has not only kept pace with the commercial growth of the Dominion, but has far outstripped it. I think the B. C. Permanent has demonstrated to the East that a loan company with its head office at the Pacific Coast, capitalized largely with British Columbia money, is not only able to do a large and successful business in British Columbia, but can compete successfully in the Eastern Provinces with older companies in the same line of business.

Mr. Bone said:

I am very glad to have the opportunity of being present again this year. I have been honored by the Victoria loan board to represent them here, and have asked a number of questions which have been very satisfactorily answered. I have had the opportunity to-day of looking over some of the accounts and looking into matters which might be of interest to those who would ask me about the affairs of the company. The plans are very satisfactory, and appear to have been carried out by the company in an energetic and business-like way.

I am very glad, Mr. President, that you all take a very broad view of the company's plans for the future. This Dominion of ours is a great and glorious country.

I am thankful to know the company is observing a conservative method in carrying on its business. In all these affairs it is very satisfactory to know that the men who are at the head of it are men who are very careful as to what they do, and in no way affected by the apparent ready method of making money, which appeal to many of us.

I am very glad, Mr. President, that you have not forgotten Victoria. We think that what you have said is within reason, and I think you have not over-estimated our advantages. I can correctly say that the people of Victoria are very much pleased with your plans.

Prof. Sippell said:

I would emphasize to the stockholders some points which have come to my knowledge, that the success of any corporation or company depends to a

large degree on the men at the head. I feel that we should congratulate ourselves on having this financial institution managed by men who are capable of managing such a concern. The exceedingly satisfactory financial property of today assures us that we are well provided against any emergency.

I go from this first meeting, gentlemen, with improved ideas, and I assure you that I have the utmost confidence in the way this financial concern is being managed.

Mr. B. W. Harris said:

I have very great pleasure in attending this meeting. I have been in close touch with the company as solicitor, and there are a few things that I would like to explain. I think one of the chief features which shows the success of this company is, first of all, the amount of mortgage loans, a million and a half, and over against that only about \$4,000 accrued interest, and real estate acquired by foreclosure of only \$34,000. I think that is a marvellous showing. This is the best evidence that we can expect that this company is being properly and safely invested.

I congratulate most heartily the directors of the company. I think the business is showing up most magnificently, and that it is a credit to the company.

Mr. H. A. Eastman said:

This is the second annual meeting of the B. C. Permanent, which I have had the pleasure of attending. I think we may congratulate the president, directors and stockholders.

We have listened with pleasure and instruction to the addresses of the president and the directors, and I am sure we are heartily in accord with what has been said.

However, this is a subject of congratulation and of interest not only to the stockholders and the borrowers, but also to the public at large, that an institution of this kind, organized here in the West, a meeting with such success and filling as it does as large place in the necessities of a new country. It is an institution that deserves the credit and approval of the public, an institution that enables men to acquire their own homes, to gather up savings little by little, to utilize them to make homes, for show me a city or a country of homes and I will show you good citizens.

Then, also, the marvellous growth of this company proves that it is filling a certain want and filling that want well.

I feel sure that the prosperity of the whole Dominion is great, it is now only in its swaddling clothes. Look on the conditions that prevail in the American States. They were settled up with men who went in there without experience of Western life without capital. We are getting these men into our Northwest with this experience of Western life and with the capital necessary to start them.

We have great resources in the Dominion of Canada, our resources of forest, sea, mine and of the farm cannot be surpassed in the whole wide world. We are getting English capital in addition to American capital and we are getting some of the best blood into this country. With the property we are in the future we see no reason why an institution such as this, which is filling a need and doing it well, should not become a large concern indeed.

The election of directors was then held and resulted in the election of Thos. T. Langlois, Dr. D. H. Wilson, Geo. J. Telfer, David Spencer, W. H. Malkin, Geo. Martin and Geo. Ward.

A subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. Thos. T. Langlois, Dr. David H. Wilson and Mr. George J. Telfer were, respectively, re-elected to the offices of president, vice-president and treasurer, and Mr. R. H. Duke was appointed secretary of the company.

The retiring trustees, Hon. Richard McBride, M. P., Ralph Smith, M. P., and Aldermen Lawrence G. Gower, also retiring auditors, Messrs. W. T. Stein, C. A. and A. A. Book, were re-elected. All the directors, trustees and auditors have been unanimously re-elected at each annual meeting since their first appointment, thus proving the entire confidence of the shareholders in the gentlemen who were first selected to control the affairs of the company.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities AS AT DECEMBER 30th, 1905

ASSETS.	
Real Estate Loans—First Mortgage	\$1,675,758.58
Share Loans	27,298.68
	\$1,703,057.26
Real Estate (Improved Property acquired by foreclosure)	24,345.15
Real Estate Held Under Agreement	5,383.40
Sundries Advanced to Mortgagees	7,211.31
Interest Due and Accrued	4,804.82
Real Estate—Site and Building	60,881.90
Pacific Coast Fire Insurance Company's Stock	15,676.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,923.11
Cash on Hand	6,194.57
	\$1,817,547.05
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stocks—	
Permanent	\$102,000.00
Full Paid and Prepaid	362,074.90
Instalment	305,816.68
	\$1,690,921.58
Dividends—	
Permanent, Prepaid and Full Paid Stocks	\$2,000.11
Instalment Stocks	75,000.00
	\$1,075,000.20
Loan Repayments	15,432.25
Amount Due on Uncompleted Loans	9,819.34
	\$1,090,251.79
Surplus—	
Reserve Fund	50,000.00
Contingent Fund	20,000.00
Balance of Profit and Dividend Account	5,010.65
	\$1,075,010.65
Debentures and Accrued Interest	\$2,272.30
Deposits and Accrued Interest	\$0,082.46
Bank, Amount Borrowed and Loaned on Mortgages	167,936.27
	\$1,240,291.03

THOS. T. LANGLOIS, President. GEO. J. TELFER, Treasurer.

Government Inspector's Report

Vancouver, Canada, Jan. 10, 1906.

I hereby certify that I have examined the balance sheet and dividends of the British Columbia Permanent Loan & Savings Company, as given herewith, and find the same in accordance with the bylaws of the company, and the laws of the province. I have also examined the statements submitted to me, upon which are based the profits of the half-year, and upon which dividend No. 15 is declared, and I approve of the principle upon which such dividend has been computed, and consequently, sanction the payment of the same in accordance with 61 Vict. Cap. 22, Sec. 52.

G. GARDINER JOHNSON
Inspector Investment and Loan Societies.

CHAPTER XL
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they had "policeman" writ large all over them.

"Cops, for a million," Merritt grinned, with a galled face. "You can tell when you're asleep. And they are after me; they're coming this way. I'll be all right presently."

"I hope so," Chris said, with a curling lip. "You look guilty enough now." Merritt explained that it was merely the first emotion, and would pass off presently. "Nor did he boast in vain. He was quite cool as the officers came up and called him by name."

"That's one," Merritt said. "What's the trouble?"

One of the officers explained. He had no warrant he said, but all the same he would have to trouble Mr. Merritt to accompany him to Moreton Wells. A diamond star not yet definitely identified had been handed over to the police, the same having been pawned by James Merritt.

"That's quite right," Merritt said, cheerfully. "I pawned it for this young lady here—Miss Lee. Of course, if it is not her property, why, then—"

The officer was positively taken back. He knew more than he cared to say. The star had been pledged by Merritt, as he cheerfully admitted, but the owner of the star had lost the gem in London under suspicious circumstances. In which Miss Lee was mixed up. And at present it was not the policy of the police to arrest Miss Lee. That would come later.

"I am afraid that there has been a misapprehension, altogether," Chris said. "Allow me to explain: Mr. Merritt, would you step aside for a moment? I have to speak of private matters. Thank you. Now, Sir, I am quite prepared to admit that the ornament pledged does not belong to me, but to Miss Benson, whom I met in London. I took the star by mistake. You may smile, but I have one very much like it. If Miss Benson had searched her jewels properly she would have found that she had my star—that I had hers."

I heard of the business only by accident, and telegraphed to Miss Benson to look searchingly amongst her jewels. She has a large amount, and might easily have overlooked my star. Here is a boy with a telegram. Will you take it from him and read it aloud? It is addressed to me, you will find."

It was, it was signed "Erld. Benson." It went on to say that the sender was fearfully sorry for all the trouble she had caused, but that she had found Miss Lee's star with her jewels. Also she had telegraphed at once to the police at Moreton Wells to go no farther. "Looks like a mistake," the officer muttered. "But if we get that telegram—"

"Which has reached the police station by this time," Chris interrupted. "Come into the castle and ask the question over the telephone. I suppose you are connected?"

The officer said they were. In fact, they had only recently joined the Exchange. A brief visit to the telephone and the policeman came back with a puzzled air and a little more deference in his manner, with the information that he was to go back at once, as the case was closed.

"I've seen some near things in my time, but nothing nearer than this, he said. "Still, it's all right now. Very sorry to have troubled you, miss."

The officers departed with the air of men who had to be satisfied, despite themselves. Merritt came forward with an admiration almost fawning. He did not know quite how the thing had happened, but Chris had done the police. Smartness and trickery of that kind were the highest form of the industry. His admiration was nearly beyond words.

"Well, strike me," he gasped. "Did ever anyone ever see anything like that? You, as cool as possible, and me with my heart in my mouth all the time. And there ain't going to be no trouble, no sort of bother over the ticket?"

"You hand over that ticket to me," Chris smiled, "and there will be an end of the matter. And if you try to play me false in any way, why, it will be a bad day for you. Give me your assistance, and it will be the best day of your work you ever did in your life."

Merritt's heart was gained. His pride was touched.

"Me go back on you?" he cried, hoarsely. "After what you've done? Only say the word; only give old Jim Merritt a call, and it's pitch-and-toss to manslaughter for those pretty eyes of yours. Good-day to work! Aye for both of us."

And Chris thought so too.

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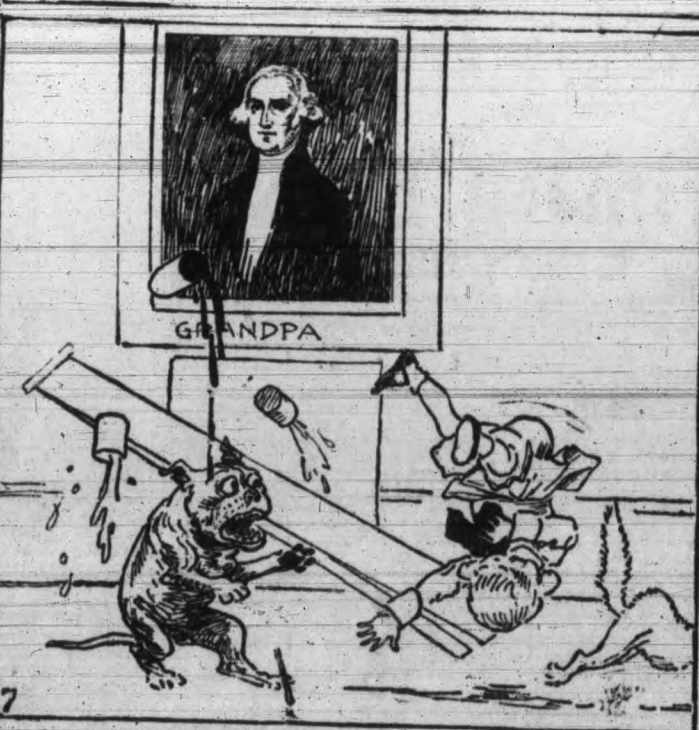
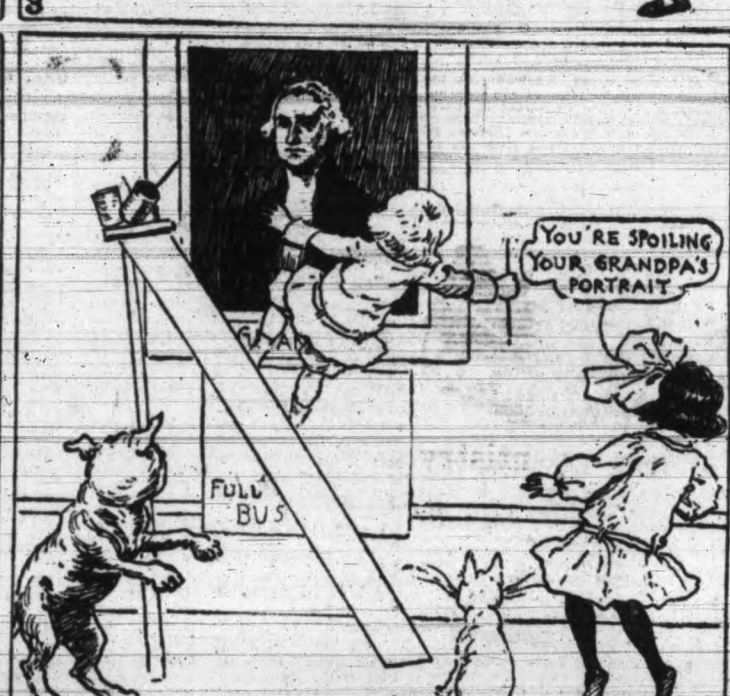
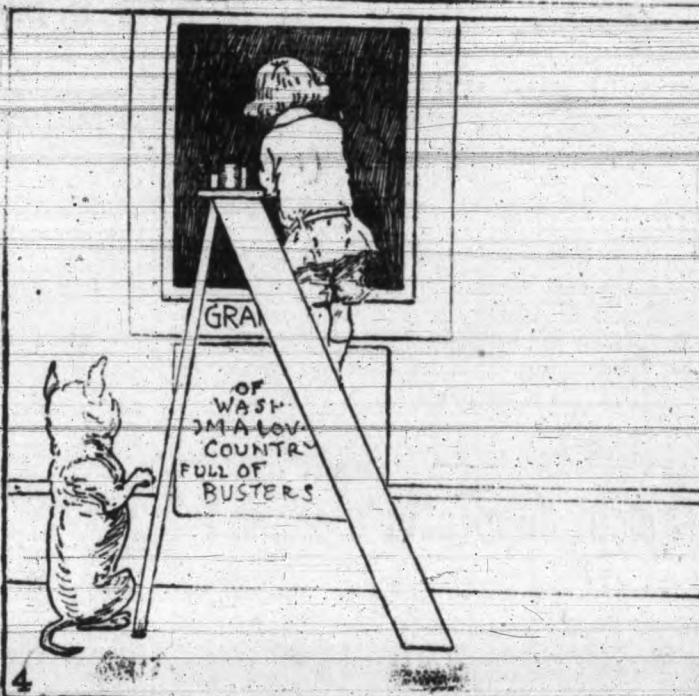
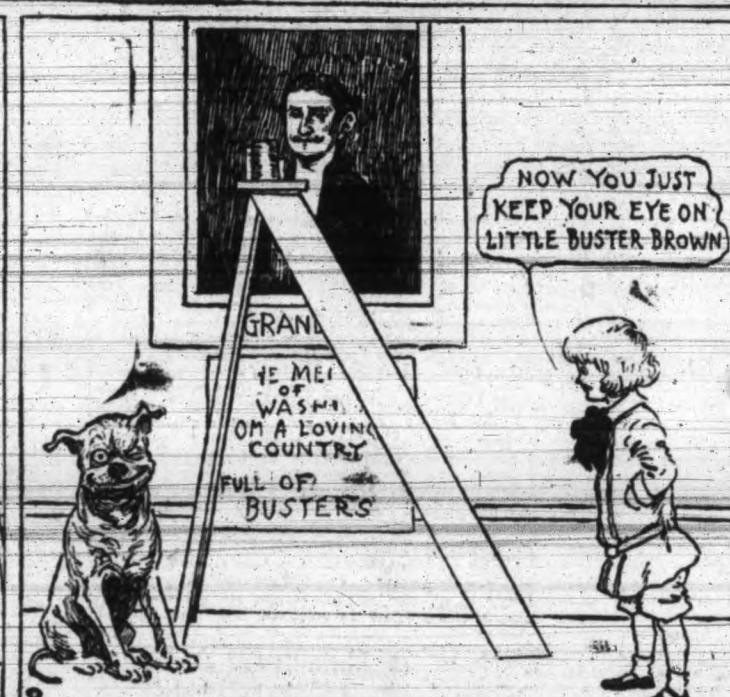
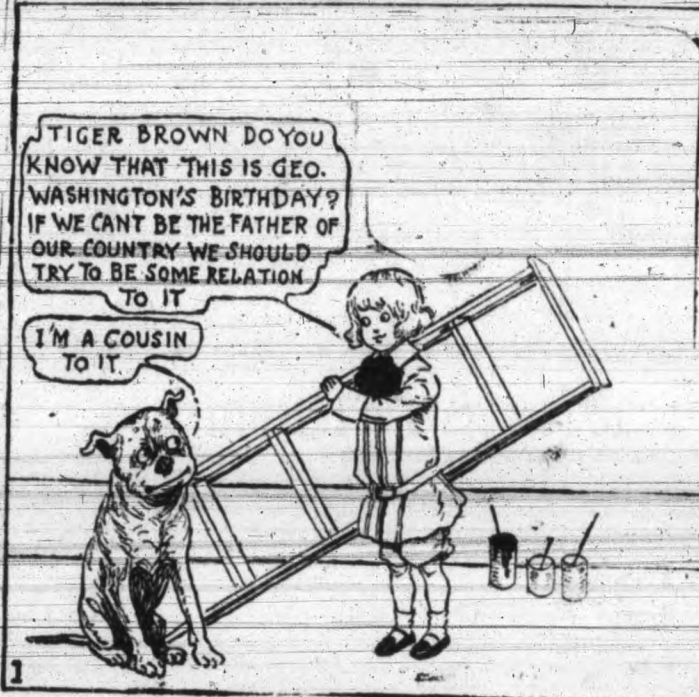
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BUSTER BROWN

HE CELEBRATES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY



Brownie on a creek
 Dearest Mama
 I am having such a good time here. Buster is so funny. He does always succeed but he says that a man had better begin with a few honest failures than one undeserved success. Tige says so too and as I'm sure it must be true. This is Mrs. Geo. Washington's birthday but Buster says he doesn't use it any more.
 Your loving daughter
 Mary Jones



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES for insertion in THE TIMES: All Classifications except Births, Marriages and Deaths 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. TIME RATES ON APPLICATION.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

REAL ESTATE DIRECTORY

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any one numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 5 and 20, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 21 years of age, in the event of one-quarter section, of 100 acres, more or less.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, be the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES: A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions contained in the act under the following plans:

(1) At least six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.
(2) If the father, or mother, if the father is deceased, of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this act, resides upon a farm in the district in which the land is situated, the requirements of this act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.
(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.
Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at 10¢ per acre for soft coal and 20¢ for anthracite. Not more than 200 acres may be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$1.00 per annum for an individual, and from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000 ft. square.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.00. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended, a claim in location may be extended, or a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 25¢ per cent. on the sales of placer mining claims, and 10¢ per cent. on the sales of lode mining claims.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold or five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 25¢ per cent. collected on the net output after it exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO RENT—Furnished cottage, opposite St. Paul's church, Esquimalt road. Apply John Hay, Phone 146.

TO LET—Housekeeping rooms, large, warm and sunny, in the Douglas House, Elliott street, one block from C. P. R. wharf and half block from Parliament Buildings.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

TO RENT—Small store, with dwelling attached. Apply at 81 Fort street.

TO LET—Two houses on King's road, six and seven rooms, with all modern conveniences. Apply to Capt. Grant, Point Ellice.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

MISSING—During December or January, from any house at Shoal Bay, a volume of drawings by Lettich. A reward will be paid for information leading to its recovery. Any person found in possession of the book after the publication of this notice will be prosecuted. Mrs. A. B. Reid, Shoal Bay.

CLEAN COTTON RAGS WANTED. Apply at Times Office.

SOCIAL DANCE in Temple's Hall, Friday, March 30th. Gent's, 50¢; ladies, 25¢. Free tickets.

ALL WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gents' clothes made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 180 Government street.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 4 Douglas street.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Licensing Board at its next sitting for a transfer of my retail liquor license for the premises known as the Albion Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates street and Waddington Alley, Victoria, B. C., to Gustave Moerman and Peter McLeod.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1906.
R. J. MILL.
By his attorney in fact,
J. W. CAREY.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Industrial Power Co. of British Columbia, Limited, will be held at the office of Messrs. A. Lawson, Government Agents, at 110 Douglas street, on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of authorizing the sale of the Company's undertaking and the transfer of the assets of the Company to the Canadian Industrial Company, Limited, and the execution of such documents as may be necessary to effect such sale and transfer, and to appoint Directors of the Company, and to pass such other resolutions as may be necessary.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1906.
PERCY CRIDDLE,
Secretary.

Department of Militia and Defence
New Westminster, B.C., Rifle Range

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed tenders, marked on the envelope "Tender for Construction of Rifle Range, New Westminster," addressed to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Headquarters, Ottawa, will be received until noon, the 14th April proximo, for the construction of a Rifle Range at New Westminster, B.C.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and full information obtained at the Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, or at the District Office, New Westminster, B.C., at the residence of the Secretary of the Militia Council, Headquarters, Ottawa.

Tenders must be made on a form supplied by the Department and accompanied by an accepted cheque on a Canadian Chartered Bank for 10 per cent. of the amount of the tender, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
L. F. PINAULT,
Colonel,
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence,
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa, February 14th, 1906.

MARINE IRON WORKS
Pembroke St., Victoria, B.C.
ANDREW GRAY, Prop.

STOCK. We buy first hand for cash. MACHINERY—Modern and labor saving. All branches executed in our own shops by SKILLED MECHANICS. PRICES—Cost of materials and labor, with a moderate percentage added.

WORKS TEL. 63.

STOCKS AND BONDS STATEMENTS. Works Tel. 63.

Tenders for Gravel.
Tenders will be received up to 4 o'clock on Monday, the 13th inst., for 5,000 cubic yards (more or less) of clean beach gravel to be delivered in accordance with specifications to be seen in purchasing agent's office.

All tenders must be endorsed "Tender for Gravel," and must be properly sealed and addressed to the undersigned.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
WM. W. NORTHCOTE,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., March 5, 1906.

To Contractors.
Tenders will be received up to March 12th for a pressed brick office building for the B. C. Electric Railway Co. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of
F. M. RATTENBURY,
Architect.

The Seamen's Institute
27 LANOLEY STREET.
Free reading room for seamen and seafaring men. Open daily from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing, experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Nurse girl, Mrs. Lampan, 6 Belcher street.

WANTED—A waitress, at Dominion Hotel.

WANTED—A young lady to learn hair-dressing, etc. Mrs. C. Kosche, 50 Douglas street.

GRAND CAFE, 71 Port street, requires a girl at once. Apply Mrs. McWhir, proprietress.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Cash register. Address price and particulars to Box 10, Times.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags, at Times Office.

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc., highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 41 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

WANTED—All kinds of bicycle repair work—by reason of reason of or to carry out said sale, and to do such other business as may be necessary.

Dated this 4th day of January, 1906.
PERCY CRIDDLE,
Secretary.

FOR SALE—BARGAIN. One small cook and two box stoves, never used. Thos. Finley, opposite Post Office.

GOOD WORK HORSE FOR SALE. Apply Victoria Steam Laundry.

EGGS FOR SETTING. The undersigned has the best lot of Plymouth Barred Rocks in these parts, price 5 cents per dozen. John C. Mould, South Sea, Spring, B. C.

FOR SALE—1 team of draught geldings, weight 22 cwt.; 1 general purpose horse, weight 12 cwt. Apply to Thos. Aitken, Maple Bay, B. C.

GARDEN ROLLERS FOR SALE. Cheap. Broughton street, from \$1.50 up.

FOR SALE—An old established grocery store, with a going concern. Apply to J. Moffat, 12 Douglas street.

GRAMOPHONE AND RECORDS FOR SALE.—Henson, owner, compelled to sell. Can be seen at Thos. Finley's, opposite Post Office.

FOR SALE—Two lots running from Rae street to Churchill, easy terms. Apply 8 Perry Mills, city.

FOR SALE—Cheap, new No. 3 Chatham motor and brooder, and capon's tools, blacksmith tools, antique ironing chair, furniture, etc. At the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

FOR SALE—Accordeon, \$1.50; shotgun, \$1.50; camera, \$1.50; and vest, \$1.50; opera glasses, \$1.50; quilt, \$1.50; lady's summer dress, \$1.50; leather case, \$1.50; Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 41 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

WORK STATE—\$6.00 down and \$5.00 a month will buy some of the choicest building lots in the city of Victoria; southern exposure; fine location. Heisterman & Co.

WANTED—All organized labor to know that theatres, Watson, Grand and Ravel employ only union musicians in their orchestras.

WANTED—To buy for cash, second-hand organ or melodeon. Apply by letter M. C. S. Room 8, Elmhurst house, Pandora street.

FOR SALE—A large float, 50x60 feet, suitable for boathouse or landing, at dress Adams Bros., David street, city.

SUNLIGHT SOAP COUPONS WANTED.—Toll-free coupons given in exchange for these coupons by C. R. King & Son, 75 Wharf street, Victoria.

FOR SALE—Team horses and harness, suitable for farm work, two yearling heifers, two two-year-olds, one light platform spring wagon, almost new; also all kinds of machinery. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store St.

FOR SALE—If you want an incubator or brooder send your name and address to Box 134, Victoria. Your own time to pay for them. We pay freight.

FOR SALE—Naphia launch, Blanch, of the following dimensions: Length, 10 ft., beam, 6 ft. 4 in.; depth, 2 ft. 6 in.; in first-class condition. For particulars apply to E. B. Martin & Co., 4 Wharf street.

FOR SALE—9,000 ft. cable, 3 in. diameter. Wanted, a horse for general purposes; also wagons, farm implements, etc. At the Old Church, cor. Broad and Pandora streets. Phone 434.

WOOD AND COAL.—At current prices, Jacob Aaronson's Transfer & Fuel Co., 13 Douglas street, Tel. 66.

ENGINE FOR SALE—10 horse power, can be seen in operation at the Times Building, 25 Broad street, running Times machinery.

LOST AND FOUND.
LOST—Brown neck fur, on Thursday, on Blanchard street. Reward for return to this office.

STRAYED—From 2 Stanley Avenue, Tuesday night, Gordon setter pup (dog). Finder will be rewarded on returning to above address.

LOST—On Belcher street, Saturday forenoon, a boy's military service cap, size 6 1/2. Please return to Mrs. Bass, 99 Meares street.

MONEY TO LOAN.
MONEY TO LOAN—On easy terms, on approved security, in sums to suit. Apply P. O. Drawer 218, city. Applications treated confidentially.

\$5,000 TO LOAN—On city real estate, first mortgage. Apply "Money," P. O. Box 63.

MONEY TO LOAN on all kinds of approved security. Unredeemed pledges

ART STUDIO.

MISS MILLS, Art Mistress, R. C. A. London. Lessons in drawing, painting and design. Studio, 8 Canadian Bank of Commerce, Government street.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR. THOMAS CATERALL—16 Broad street. Building in all its branches; best work and general jobbing. Tel. 83.

DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

NERVE AND BONE or Old-Fashioned Liniment, for Sprains, Bruises and Chills. It has no equal. 5¢ a bottle. J. W. Fawcett, chemist, sole agent, cor. King's road and Douglas street.

BLACKSMITHING, ETC.

ALL KINDS OF BLACKSMITHING and wagon work done. Farming implements and machinery repaired. 30, Dockings, 206 Government. Phone 23.

BOOTS AND SHOE REPAIRING.

NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired. Hibbs, 3 Oriental Ave., opposite Grand Theatre.

CONTRACTORS.

JOHN HAGGARTY—Contractor, 41 Discharge street. All kinds of building done and estimates given. When you want the scavenger to call "phone us, 184.

CHAS. A. MCGREGOR, 51 Yates street. Jobbing trade a specialty. Twenty years' experience. Address promptly.

COFFEE AND SPICES.

VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Coffee and mills, 146 Government St. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING.

CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues repaired. Wm. Neil, 25 Quebec street. Phone 102.

LLOYD & CO.—Sweepers to H. M. Naval Yard, Jubilee Hospital, Dominion, Vernon and other first-class hotels. Orders taken at 60 West 4th Street, 111 Douglas street. Phone 310. Prices reasonable.

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HARDY PLANTS—What you can't get at 5¢ each: Noble Delphiniums, new sunflowers, Michaelmas Daisies, Pink and White Autumn Anemones, Golden Glow Pyrethrums, etc., all strong growing plants. Flew's Gardens, 30 South Park street.

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BANK OF MONTREAL
Has Decided to Open Branch in Mexico City.

(Associated Press.)
Mexico City, March 7.—The Bank of Montreal, Canada, has decided to open a branch in this city.

SEATTLE MAYORALTY.
Result is Still in Doubt—Rippling in Leading.

(Associated Press.)
Seattle, March 7.—Complete returns of 88 out of 96 precincts give John Rippling, Republican candidate for mayor, 14 plurality over Wm. M. Moore, municipal ownership. The result is in doubt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MINISTER

IS RECIPIENT OF HEARTY WELL WISHES

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Thanks Supporters of Mr. Templeman—Telegrams From Gratified Friends.

As soon as the result of the election last night became known Hon. Mr. Templeman was the recipient of enthusiastic congratulations by friends, not only in Victoria but throughout Canada.

Among the first to arrive was one from the veteran chief of the party, the First Minister of Canada and this was followed by others from less distinguished sources, but of equal heartiness. Some of these received were as follows:

Ottawa, March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
My hearty congratulations to you and my thanks to all our friends.
WILFRID LAURIER.

Ottawa, Ont., March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Western bunch delighted at result. Congratulations.
GEO. RILEY, DUNCAN ROSS.

Ottawa, Ont., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Liberal correspondents at Ottawa heartily congratulate you on your victory. Victoria has done nobly.
W. MACKENZIE, W. H. DICKSON, A. R. HANNAY, G. H. BROWN.

Ottawa, Ont., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
British Columbians now in Ottawa join in sending you hearty congratulations.
W. MACKENZIE.

Vancouver, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
The young Liberals of Vancouver congratulate their first honorary president on his splendid victory.
W. C. BROWN, President.

Vancouver, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Heartiest congratulations on your great victory.
MRS. R. J. MACPHERSON.

Matagout, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Heartiest congratulations from Mrs. McLagan and myself.
J. MACLURE.

Vancouver, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Heartiest congratulations on splendid victory.
J. DUFF-STUART.

Vancouver, B.C., March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Accept my hearty congratulations. Right must prevail.
A. B. BUCKWORTH.

San Francisco, Cal., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Congratulations on your election. Best wishes for every success. Regards to Mrs. Templeman.
MRS. H. D. HELMCKEN.

Vancouver, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Heartiest congratulations on deserved victory. Old-time Liberals rejoice with you.
G. W. GRANT.

Vancouver, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Congratulations you did well.
ROBT. KELLY.

Vancouver, B.C., March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Congratulations on your success.
A. A. DAVIDSON.

Nanaimo, March 6, 1906
Permit me to congratulate you on your magnificent majority.
THOMAS O'CONNELL.

Fernie, B.C., March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Accept my heartiest congratulations on your triumphant election.
D. V. MOTT.

Nelson, B.C., March 6, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Congratulations on your splendid victory. May you be a minister of the crown for years to come.
HUME AND GIBSON.

Vancouver, B.C., March 7, 1906
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Please accept my hearty and sincere congratulations on your election yesterday. In my opinion the result shows that the people who have an interest in the country are behind you.
JOHN HENDRY.

150-Mile House, B.C., March 7, '06
Hon. Wm. Templeman, Victoria:
Congratulations on your victory. There are pleased unitings at 150-Mile House.
SWINERTON & LEIGHTON.

C. M. SCHWAB-IMPROVING.

El Paso, Texas, March 7.—A telegram from Corona, New Mexico, says that Chas. M. Schwab's condition was improved this morning.

RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Hearing Complaint Regarding Alleged Discrimination by C. P. R.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 7.—Before the railway commission this morning there was continued the complaint of Vancouver that the C. P. R. rates to Calgary discriminate against its distributors and in favor of Winnipeg wholesalers. Mr. Blair conducted the examination of W. R. MacInnes, freight traffic manager of the C. P. R., who said the charges on the C. P. R. from Vancouver to Calgary and from Winnipeg to Calgary were based on distance and cost of hauling. It was not true as claimed by Vancouver interest that the rates given by American railways were more favorable from coast points eastward. From Winnipeg to Calgary was 500 miles and the rate on a hundred pounds of first-class freight was \$1.68 and fifth-class 77 cents. From Vancouver to Calgary, 640 miles, the first-class rate on 100 lbs. of freight was \$2.46 and on fifth-class \$1.20. On the Northern Pacific from Seattle to Minneapolis, 657 miles, the Northern Pacific charged \$2.46 on first-class and \$1.20 on second-class. He estimated the Northern Pacific rates 29 cents a hundred higher and the Great Northern 20 cents a hundred higher. The American lines had a better country for local business across the mountains and had less expensive grades to operate.

THE KAIEN ISLAND COMMITTEE REPORT

Will be Presented This Afternoon—Government May Endeavor to Block Reception of Minority Report.

The final session of the Kaien Island and investigating committee was held this morning, and its members did not conclude their work until 2 o'clock. The report is likely to be presented to the House this afternoon, and it is said will consist of a pure whitewash of the government. The leader of the opposition, it is further rumored, will, with Mr. Paterson, present a minority report, embodying the findings as they regard them. Strong efforts are being used to dissuade them from doing so, but without avail. It is possible that the government may, by reviving an old Speaker's ruling, endeavor to block the reception of this minority report on presentation.

A PARIS MYSTERY.

Body of Woman Found in the Seine—Had Been in Water Several Weeks.

Paris, March 7.—The prefecture of police has requested the American authorities to assist in unravelling the mysterious death of Ethel A. Brown, believed to be an American, whose body was found recently in the river Seine. Boatmen discovered the body floating near the suburb of Charenton. It appeared to be that of a woman of middle age and was elegantly dressed. The underclothing was marked with the name "Ethel A. Brown." On the hands were two gold rings. She wore pearl earrings, a gold locket and a chain around her neck, and she had kid gloves on her hands. No money and no papers were found on the body and there was a deep wound five inches long across the scalp. The police are unable to decide whether the wound was the result of an accident or of an intentional blow. The body apparently had been in the water several weeks. The first clue to the identity of the woman was the following entry made in 1902 on the police records of foreigners visiting Paris: "Ethel Brown, American, born at Fayetteville, Nev. 21st, 1872, father John, mother Sally Geachy." The entry indicates that the maiden name of the deceased was Ethel Geachy. The name of the state from which she came was not given. The body remains at the morgue. The French and American officials are co-operating with the police in the endeavor to establish the identity of the woman.

After their defeat yesterday evening there was a meeting at the Conservative committee rooms, at which it was announced by A. E. McPhillips that the rooms would be kept open and "activities continued." In preparation for another election. This was taken to mean by many that a provincial election is on the tapis.

Members of the Shipwrights' and Carpenters' Union employed at Bullen's Ways are still on strike. There is no prospect of a settlement as yet at though Geo. Caldwell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, and other prominent unionists are interesting themselves in the effort to bring about a mutually satisfactory agreement.



Everybody Smokes Old Chum.

CHINESE GOVERNOR ADMITS GUILT

FAILED TO PRESERVE PEACE AT NANCHING

He Asks For Personal Punishment—Missionaries are Now Returning to Stations.

(Associated Press.)

Shanghai, March 7.—All is quiet at Nanching, the scene of the recent massacres of Catholic missionaries and the missionaries who fled are returning. It is stated that the Chinese governor has admitted his guilt in failing to preserve the peace, and has asked for personal punishment. He will probably be degraded.

An investigation of the trouble shows that the French missionaries invited the magistrate to a feast and urged him to sign papers promising an indemnity for property wrecked last year and to release six Catholic missionaries charged with murder. The magistrate declined to do so, and he was fatally stabbed.

It is reported that England will demand for the murder of the Kingman family the punishment of the murderers, an indemnity and the privilege of stationing gunboats on Poyang lake. The French demands have not yet been formulated. A recent Imperial decree sternly commands the provincial authorities to protect foreign property and persons, especially missionaries.

INSURANCE RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED

Matter Will be Investigated by Special Committee of the Board of Trade.

The Council of the Board of Trade held a meeting this morning. T. W. Paterson, president, occupying the chair.

Among the communications submitted by Secretary Blomfield were acknowledgments from Premier McBride and Richard Hall, M. P. P., of the board's resolution in regard to the proposed amendment to the Master and Servants Act and Shop-Closing Act. Mr. Hall stated that he would give the wishes of the board his hearty support. A letter from Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, advised that the representations set forth in the board's recommendations for the better security of life and property on the West Coast would receive the careful consideration of his department. The secretary of the Trades and Labor Council announced that that body was in full sympathy with the same recommendations, and their endorsement would be communicated to Ottawa without delay.

The Dawson Board of Trade in a letter dated February 13th, conveyed their sincere thanks to the local board, stating that they keenly appreciated the very valuable services rendered in the endeavor to have the White Pass & Yukon route transportation rates reduced.

In another communication the Dawson board submitted a full report of the contentions upon which their application for reductions was based. The Montreal Board of Trade wrote stating that the suggestion made in October last year to hold the conference of Canadian boards of trade in Montreal about this time had been withdrawn. While most of the important boards had favored the proposal, yet out of 158 boards addressed, only 33 had sent replies.

The question of the increase in insurance rates, which became effective from the 1st inst., was considered. Attention was directed to the fact that about a year ago the companies in question upon a fully-paid fire department, which was promptly inaugurated. Since that time the board of fire underwriters had been busy ratcheting the city, and some of the first increases showed advances of from 30 to 50 per cent. This was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. F. Pauline, W. Henderson, H. B. Thompson, C. F. Todd and J. J. Shallickson. Citizens interested in this matter should communicate their views at once to either of the gentlemen mentioned or to Secretary Blomfield.

The particular object of this morning's meeting was the consideration of the business to be brought forward at the monthly general meeting, which is to be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening. The president directed attention to the slaughter of horses on the Mainland, ostensibly for the purpose of stamping out glanders. The opinion generally expressed was that the majority of the horses could not stand the test applied for that disease. He contended that it was altogether too severe.

It is understood that the Dominion officers will visit Vancouver Island in the near future, the cause of the delay being the recall to Ottawa of one of those in charge of the Mainland tests. It was thought desirable to offer this for discussion at the general gathering, and in order that the members may act intelligently, an invitation was extended Dr. Hamilton to furnish the board with any information upon the subject.

Another matter to be considered is the silver question. The Dominion government was arranging for the withdrawal from circulation of American coin, and it was thought as well that local business men have an opportunity of discussing the matter for the purpose of co-operating with the administration in their efforts.

The meeting then adjourned. At to-night's meeting of the Trades & Labor Council there will be a demonstration of proportionate representation. Other business of importance will come up for consideration.

LOCAL NEWS

The ship Celtic Monarch is due from San Francisco. She is coming north in ballast.

A petition was presented in the legislature to-day on behalf of the Methodist Church in Canada on the education question, signed by Dr. Carman and Dr. Potts.

The usual Rose Maiden practice will be held this evening in the city hall at 8 o'clock. The popularity of the work was shown by a large increase of members last week.

In the local legislature this afternoon the Midway and Vernon Railway bill was reported. The premier and J. H. Hawthornthwaite withdrew their opposition to the bill, which is fathered by Price Ellison, which means that it will be allowed to go through.

The charge against a number of lawyers for non-payment of their fees for practicing their profession, which has been held in abeyance for some time pending a decision in an appeal by the city solicitor, came up on remand in the city police court this morning, and was again adjourned.

The report presented by Mayor Morley to the city council on Monday evening, proposing that the cost of all new work be made a charge against the property benefited, will be considered at the meeting of the council to-morrow evening. A lively session of the body is expected in consequence, as it is understood that strong opposition will be offered to the adoption of the report.

The preliminary hearing of an assault case arising over a dispute as to the location of a line fence was the principal business in the city police court this morning. The defendant was James Hollis, and the prosecutor William E. Maher. The latter charges Hollis with striking him, and he and his wife testified as to the assault having been committed. The magistrate sent the accused up for trial, Hollis reserving his defence.

The good weather, of the past month or so has greatly facilitated the sewer construction under way. The corporation has now upwards of ninety men engaged on the work, with the result that the main has been built almost to Oak Bay avenue from Ross Bay. A number of the men have lately been put to work on the section, which is to run through the hospital grounds, so that the matter of laying connections with that institution may not be delayed.

The annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association was held yesterday afternoon. It was announced that the Brackman legacy had been expended and that other donations for the purpose of carrying on the work would be acceptable. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Perrin; first vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Grant; second vice-president, Mrs. McMillen; third vice-president, Mrs. Willson; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Powell; fifth vice-president, Mrs. McDowell; recording secretary, Mrs. Wood; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Miss Lawson.

One of the first pieces of sidewalk building to be done this year will be that on Douglas street adjoining the Finlayson estate, for which considerable preparation was made before the rainy season set in last fall. The work was not laid then for the reason that it was feared the filling-in that had been done would be liable to sink when the rain fell upon it. As the assessment has been done for this and a number of the assessments have already been paid in, it is proposed to undertake this work as soon as possible. Nothing, however, is likely to be done with regard to the new year's programme of permanent sidewalk building until the by-law goes through its various stages or for probably a month or six weeks yet.

Christina Murdoch, eighty years old, was burned to death at Trent, Had-dingtonshire, the other day. She was smoking, and a spark from her pipe set fire to her clothes.

MARRIED.
WARRWOOD—At Vancouver, on March 3rd, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, Clifford Warr and Miss Gertrude Oliver Wood.

DIED.
GREGORY—At Vancouver, on March 5th, William Gregory, aged 6 years.

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SALE OF WORK—At Refuge Home on Tuesday evening, 13th inst.

ACCOUNTANT desires books to keep or write up in spare time. Address Box 38, Times.

FOR SALE—A bargain, second-hand rubber-tired buggy, in good condition. Apply G. H. Hall, 147 Chatham street, city.

WANTED—Ladies to do plain and light sewing at home; whole or spare time; good pay; work sent any distance; charges paid; send stamp for full particulars. National Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

WANTED—A young man. Apply from 4 to 6 p. m., Oak Bay Hotel.

WANTED—Boy with presswork experience. Apply Quaker's Printing Office, cor. Gordon and Courtney streets.

WANTED—A girl to assist in general house work and care of two children. Address Mrs. W. E. Adams, Belcher street, third house above Cook.

KNIGHT'S HARDY EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS—50c. per 100, \$2.00 per 200, \$3.00 per 300. M. J. T. Nursery, Victoria.

MISS McWILLIE invites ladies shopping to step into the Grand Cafe, 11 Fort Street, for a cup of tea.

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TO THE PUBLIC

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